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QC adopts blended learning policy

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The Quezon City government has established a blended learning program that will enable public schools to ensure learning continuity amid problems such as classroom shortage and frequent class suspensions.

The ordinance, recently signed by Mayor Joy Belmonte, is seen as a response to challenges facing the education sector, including overcrowding and suspension of face-to-face classes due to typhoons and extreme heat.

Belmonte said the ordinance institutionalizes the flexible learning policy earlier introduced by the Department of Education (DepEd).

“Quezon City is turning national guidance into real action,” she said. “We are investing in our schools so that learning doesn’t stop.”

Under the policy, schools will be allowed to shift to blended learning if identified as highly congested or when faceto-face learning is unsafe due to typhoons, extreme heat, health risks and other emergencies.

Belmonte clarified that the policy will not move away the city’s schools from classroombased education.

“Face-to-face learning is still the foundation of our public school system. But when students cannot be physically present, we now have a safe, structured alternative,” she said.

Shift from in-person classes will be guided by an established process to be developed by the Schools Division Office and the city’s Education Affairs Unit, in coordination with school administrators and families.

Schools Division Superintendent Carleen Sedilla welcomed the ordinance, which she described as “timely and necessary.”

“DepEd has long recognized the value of flexible learning, especially during emergencies. With Quezon City’s support, we can deliver this more effectively and ensure that no learner is left behind,” she said.

The local government said the program complements its ongoing efforts to expand the city’s school infrastructure program.

Underutilized community public infrastructure will also be transformed into learning hubs to enable students to better adapt to the blended learning system, city hall said.