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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2006



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Introduced by **KABATAAN PARTY-LIST Representative Sarah Jane I. Elago**

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### RESOLUTION

#### **URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE AGAINST COVID-19 TO INCLUDE STUDENTS IN THE VACCINATION PRIORITY LIST FOR THE SAFE AND GRADUAL RETURN OF ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF TO FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES AND IN-PERSON CAMPUS ACTIVITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that there shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children;

**WHEREAS**, face-to-face classes have been suspended and alternative modes of learning such as distance, online, and modular learning have been the norm since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic in the Philippines in 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education (DepEd) has announced that there will still be no face-to-face classes in public schools when the school year 2021-2022 opens on September 13, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) has allowed at least 93 universities and colleges to conduct limited face-to-face classes on their medical-related courses;

**WHEREAS**, distance learning has still been inaccessible to many Filipino students and has affected their physical and mental health;

**WHEREAS**, as of July 19, 2021, only 4.30% of the Philippine population have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Vaccination Prioritization Framework of the Philippine government categorizes students as part of Priority Eligible C or the rest of the Filipino population not otherwise included in the Priority Eligible A and B groups;

**WHEREAS**, other countries have already been changing or reviewing their policies to prioritize vaccinating students to facilitate the resumption of face-to-face classes;

**WHEREAS**, various local and national student organizations have clamored for the resumption of face-to-face classes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Members express the sense of the House of Representatives calling for prioritization of students in the government's vaccination program, and directing the appropriate committee/s to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, therefor.

*Adopted,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Elago', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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