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RESOLUTION NO. 219

RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXERCISE SCHOLASTIC LENIENCY TO STUDENTS OF THE K TO 12 BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021 BY ACCORDING AN AUTOMATIC PASSING MARK TO STUDENTS AS A WAY OF PROTECTING THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABRUPT CHANGES IN EDUCATION SERVICES DELIVERY THAT HAD TO BE UNDERTAKEN DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND OF THE SERIES OF CALAMITIES THEY HAD TO BEAR IN 2020

WHEREAS, the calendar for School Year 2020-2021 was disrupted by the imposition of community quarantine measures aimed at protecting the health and safety of the
Filipino people and for the purpose of containing the transmission of the COVID-19 virus in the country;

WHEREAS, the country was also hit successively by strong weather disturbances, namely: super typhoon Rolly, severe tropical storm Siony, tropical storm Tonyo, and typhoon Ulysses, which affected the lives and livelihood of the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, super typhoon Rolly, regarded as the world’s most powerful typhoon in 2020, battered parts of the Philippines with destructive winds and torrential rain on November 1, 2020, while typhoon Ulysses also caused destructive floods in several areas in Luzon on November 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, the serious threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the troubling consequences of the attendant quarantine measures, and the destruction wrought by these severe weather disturbances during the School Year 2020-2021 have resulted in challenges that have affected or compromised the health and well-being of both teachers and students;

WHEREAS, online classes have presented teachers and students with new sources of stress due to the lack of the proper devices, unstable internet connection, poor audio, and other technical glitches, in addition to the physically challenging blended learning mode being implemented by the Department of Education (DepEd) that require teachers to distribute printed learning modules among students and to collect them on the last school day of the week;

WHEREAS, the current school setup has served to exacerbate the stress caused by the massive destruction that resulted from these natural calamities and has heightened fears and anxieties among students and their families;

WHEREAS, to ease the burdens of students and protect their mental health and well-being, scholastic leniency should be accorded to all students currently enrolled in the K to 12 basic education program for School Year 2020-2021 by way of the grant of an automatic passing mark to enable them to advance to the next school year. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, To urge the Department of Education to exercise scholastic leniency to students of the K to 12 basic education program for School Year 2020-2021 by according an automatic passing mark to students as a way of protecting their health and well-being in the light of the abrupt changes in education services delivery that had to be undertaken during the COVID-19 pandemic and of the series of calamities they had to bear in 2020.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Department of Education.

Adopted,

[Signature]
LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on September 30, 2021.

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MARK LLANERO "DONG" L. MENDOZA
Secretary General
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