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Excerpt from the journal of the 52nd Regular Session of the 12th Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, July 01, 2026, at the Session Hall of Bacolod City Government Center.

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella	Presiding Officer
Councilor Al Victor A. Espino	Floor Leader
Councilor Israel P. Salanga	
Councilor Em L. Ang	
Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson	
Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa	
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor	
Councilor Dindo C. Ramos	
Councilor Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr.	
Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Homer Q. Bais	
Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen	
Councilor Danna Marie C. Barzo	

OFFICIAL LEAVE:

Councilor Caesar Z. Distrito
Councilor Roberto M. Rojas

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RESOLUTION NO. 777
Series of 2026

RESOLUTION URGING ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN BACOLOD CITY TO STRICTLY ENFORCE ANTI-BULLYING POLICIES, REVITALIZE THEIR CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES, AND CLOSELY MONITOR ALL FORMS OF BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING TO PROTECT THE MENTAL WELL-BEING OF LEARNERS.

Upon motion of the Councilor Em L. Ang, jointly seconded by Floor Leader Al Victor A. Espino, Councilors Celia Matea R. Flor and Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes the vital role of the Youth in nation-building and mandates the State to promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10627, otherwise known as the Anti-Bullying Act of 2013, requires all elementary and secondary schools to adopt policies to address the existence of bullying in their respective institutions, ensuring a safe and secure learning environment;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DepEd) issued DepEd Order No. 40, Series of 2012, or the DepEd Child Protection Policy, which strictly prohibits all forms of abuse, violence, exploitation, discrimination, and bullying against children;

WHEREAS, local child protection advocates, parents, and educators in Bacolod City have observed an alarming shift in bullying dynamics, particularly with the rapid rise of cyberbullying, social media harassment, and subtle psychological abuse that often go unnoticed by school authorities;

WHEREAS, the increasing incidence of these undocumented and unresolved bullying cases directly correlates to the rising number of mental health crises among local students, including anxiety, depression, severe academic decline, and school refusal;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for schools within the jurisdiction of Bacolod City to transition from passive compliance to proactive monitoring by strengthening their respective Child Protection Committees and establishing more accessible, confidential, and responsive reporting mechanisms for the learners;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to urge all public and private schools in Bacolod City to strictly enforce anti-bullying policies, revitalize their Child Protection Committees, and closely monitor all forms of bullying and cyberbullying to protect the mental well-being of learners.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to urge the DepEd Bacolod City Division to intensify its monitoring of compliance among all public and private basic education institutions regarding the submission of their localized Anti-Bullying Policies and their Annual Reports on bullying cases and interventions.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Schools Division Superintendent of DepEd Bacolod City and all relevant private school associations for their information, guidance, and immediate action.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Israel P. Salanga, Em L. Ang, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Celia Matea R. Flor, Dindo C. Ramos, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Homer Q. Bais, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Al Victor A. Espino, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Danna Marie C. Barzo

Negative : None.

Comments : Passed.

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CLAUDIO JESUS RAYMUNDO A. PUENTEVELLA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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