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Excerpt from the journal of the 59th Regular Session of the 12th Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, August 19, 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 Caesar Z. Distrito	
Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson	
Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa	
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor	
Councilor Roberto M. Rojas	
Councilor Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr.	
Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Homer Q. Bais	
Councilor Danna Marie C. Barzo	
Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen	

OFFICIAL LEAVE:

Councilor Israel P. Salanga
Councilor Em L. Ang
Councilor Dindo C. Ramos

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RESOLUTION NO. 988
Series of 2026

RESOLUTION URGING THE BACOLOD CITY POLICE OFFICE (BCPO), DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BACOLOD CITY, COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED), CONCERNED BARANGAYS, AND ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN BACOLOD CITY, TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE AND COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF CAMPUS SECURITY, ACCESS CONTROL, AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROTOCOLS, INCLUDING MEASURES TO PREVENT THE ENTRY OF FIREARMS AND OTHER DEADLY WEAPONS INTO SCHOOL PREMISES.

Upon motion of Councilor Caesar Z. Distrito, seconded by Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2026, a tragic shooting incident occurred at the Ateneo de Zamboanga University Junior High School campus in Zamboanga City, resulting in the deaths of Two students, including the alleged shooter, and injuries to other persons;

WHEREAS, the incident, coming less than Two months after another fatal school shooting in Tacloban City, underscores the urgent need for educational institutions and government authorities throughout the country to reassess existing security measures and strengthen safeguards intended to protect students, teachers, school personnel, parents, and visitors;

WHEREAS, schools must remain safe environments where children and young people can pursue their education without fear of violence, and preventive security measures should be continuously reviewed in light of emerging threats and changing circumstances;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, authorizes Local Government Units to exercise powers necessary and appropriate for the promotion of the general welfare, including the maintenance of peace and order and the preservation of the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod recognizes that school security is a shared responsibility requiring close coordination among educational institutions, law-enforcement agencies, barangays, emergency responders, parents, and the community;

WHEREAS, a comprehensive security assessment should include, among others, the adequacy of entry and exit controls, visitor management and identification procedures, security personnel deployment, CCTV systems, emergency communication and alarm systems, perimeter security, protocols for detecting and preventing the entry of firearms and other deadly weapons, evacuation and lockdown procedures, and coordination with police and emergency responders;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to urge the Bacolod City Police Office (BCPO), Department of Education – Schools Division of Bacolod City, Commission on Higher Education (CHED), concerned barangays, and all public and private educational institutions in Bacolod City to conduct an immediate and comprehensive assessment and strengthening of campus security, access control, and emergency response protocols, including measures to prevent the entry of firearms and other deadly weapons into school premises.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Caesar Z. Distrito, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Celia Matea R. Flor, Roberto M. Rojas, Homer Q. Bais, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Al Victor A. Espino, Danna Marie C. Barzo

Negative : None.

Comments : Passed.
Councilors Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr. and Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen were not around when this resolution was passed.

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CLAUDIO JESUS RAYMUNDO A. PUENTEVELLA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

By:

CHRISTINE G. TEMPLA
Board Secretary IV

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