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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. 990
Series of 2026

RESOLUTION URGING THE BACOLOD CITY POLICE OFFICE (BCPO), DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BACOLOD CITY, COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED), CITY DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE (CDRRMO), AND ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO STRENGTHEN ACTIVE-THREAT AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN SCHOOLS AND INTENSIFY THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST LOOSE AND UNREGISTERED FIREARMS, PARTICULARLY WITHIN AND AROUND SCHOOL ZONES.

Upon motion of Councilor Caesar Z. Distrito, jointly seconded by Councilors Celia Matea R. Flor and Danna Marie C. Barzo, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the tragic shooting incident at the Ateneo de Zamboanga University Junior High School campus on August 18, 2026 highlights the need for educational institutions to be prepared to respond immediately and effectively to armed attacks and other serious security emergencies;

WHEREAS, effective emergency preparedness requires clear protocols and coordination among school administrators, teachers, security personnel, law-enforcement authorities, disaster response agencies, students, and parents;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10591, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act," declares it the policy of the State to maintain peace and order, protect the people against violence, regulate the ownership and possession of firearms, and stop the proliferation of illegal firearms;

WHEREAS, preventing school violence requires not only stronger security within campuses but also sustained law enforcement efforts against loose and illegally possessed firearms within communities;

WHEREAS, age appropriate preparedness orientations and properly designed drills may enable school communities to respond more effectively to active threats, armed intruders, hostage situations, bomb threats, and similar emergencies while avoiding unnecessary fear or trauma among students;

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), City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO), and all public and private educational institutions to strengthen active-threat and emergency preparedness in schools and intensify the campaign against loose and unregistered firearms, particularly within and around school zones.

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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