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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. 992
Series of 2026

RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BACOLOD CITY, COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, CITY HEALTH OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT, AND ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN BACOLOD CITY TO STRENGTHEN SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING SERVICES, ANTI-BULLYING MECHANISMS, AND EARLY-INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SYSTEMS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED OF PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT.

Upon motion of Councilor Caesar Z. Distrito, seconded by Councilor Danna Marie C. Barzo, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the recent tragic incidents of violence involving students emphasize the importance of creating educational environments where young people have ready access to appropriate guidance, counseling, psychosocial support and mechanisms for seeking assistance;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11036, otherwise known as the "Mental Health Act," recognizes the fundamental right of Filipinos to mental health and mandates the promotion of mental health programs, including within educational institutions;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10627, otherwise known as the "Anti-Bullying Act of 2013," and City Ordinance No. 08-15-721 or the Anti-Bullying Ordinance of Bacolod City requires elementary and secondary schools to adopt policies designed to prevent and address bullying;

WHEREAS, prevention and early intervention should focus on the well-being of students, identification of those requiring assistance, timely professional referral, prevention of bullying and violence, and creation of a school environment where students feel safe in seeking help, without stigmatizing persons experiencing mental-health difficulties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to respectfully request the Department of Education – Schools Division of Bacolod City, Commission on Higher Education, City Health Office, Department of Social Services and Development, and all public and private educational institutions in Bacolod City to strengthen school-based mental health programs, guidance and counseling services, anti-bullying mechanisms, and early-intervention and referral systems for students in need of psychosocial support.

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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