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Introduced by Representative FLORIDA "RIDA" P. ROBES

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE NOT TO OPEN SCHOOLS WITHOUT A VACCINE FOR CORONAVIRUS DISEASE-19 (COVID-19) TO PROTECT STUDENTS FROM POSSIBLE INFECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic has affected every person in the world, physically, emotionally and economically. In the Philippines, cases have risen to almost 15,000 as of last count, killing more than 800.

WHEREAS, despite the impassioned and sustained efforts of countries all over the world to come up with a vaccine for the virus, experts have declared that the same is not forthcoming in a year or so;

WHEREAS, as the country slowly eases its restrictions in fighting the disease, concerns had been raised on a possible second wave happening because without a vaccine, the virus remains a big threat to the health and well-being of everyone, especially old people with pre-existing medical conditions and young children;

WHEREAS, despite such threat, the Department of Education issued a pronouncement that schools will open by August this year raising the alarm that infections may dramatically spread among children;

WHEREAS, should the schoolyear be opened this year, it has been advocated that alternative modes of learning like internet learning that do not require physical presence in schools, be developed and implemented;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte made a statement Monday night (May 25, 2020) that he will not allow schools to be opened for the incoming schoolyear without a vaccine for Covid-19;

WHEREAS, unless alternative modes of learning that does not require physical interaction among students and their teachers are developed and implemented, the House of Representatives shares the statement of Prersident Rodrigo Roa Duterte to defer school opening until a vaccine for Covid-19 is developed and available to every Filipino;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to express the full support and commitment of the House of Representatives to the pronouncement of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte not to open schools until a vaccine for Covid-19 is developed in order to protect the health and well-being of all students.

RESOLVED FINALLY, to call on the Department of Education to develop and implement alternative methods of learning that will not require the physical presence of students in schools or physical interaction of students among themselves and their teachers.


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