

# Group cites importance of preventive medicine

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The New Vois Association of the Philippines (NVAP) is hopeful that President Duterte will fulfill his promise to provide adequate healthcare services to all Filipino and to improve health promotion in the country.

NVAP president Emer Rojas said policies on disease prevention must not be disregarded.

"The saying 'prevention is better than cure' simply rings true as preventing sickness is better than having the need to go to hospitals and just getting the cure for the disease people have," he said.

Health promotion is defined as promoting health and prevention of disease, disability, and premature death through an education-driven voluntary behavior change activities.

In particular, health promotion is in

the form of policies, programs, and services that help improve the health of the entire population in order for them to avoid getting sick.

During his first State-of-the-Nation Address (SONA) on Monday, President Duterte committed to provide universal healthcare insurance for all Filipinos by having them enrolled to the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).

He also ensured that the "professional competence and operational capabilities of government hospitals and health facilities will be strengthened."

# Makati councilors attend legislative workshop

By ANNA LIZA VILLAS-ALAVAREN

Makati City Mayor Abigail Binay joined newly-elected members of the Makati City Council in a legislative course workshop aimed at enhancing their legislative capabilities.

Dubbed as "Makati City: Gearing Up for Legislative Enhancement and Productivity" or MC-LEAP, the workshop is expected to boost the efficiency of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) as the local policy-making body of Makati City.

"I thank Vice Mayor Monique Lagdameo and the other newly elected members of the City Council who participated in the specialized workshop for supporting our thrust of promoting competence and the ability to lead among us local officials of Makati," Binay said.

The mayor said the level of competence of local legislators to produce relevant and timely legislative measures would be crucial to the effective delivery of services to the residents and other stakeholders of Makati City.

All eight elected councilors from the first district attended the workshop, namely, Virgilio "Jhong" Hilario, Jr.; Ferdinando T. Eusebio; Rico J. Puno; Ma. Concepcion M. Yabut; Marie Alethea Casal-Uy; Romeo C. Medina; Ma. Arlene M. Ortega, and Luis Javier.

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## [ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10871 ]

AN ACT REQUIRING BASIC EDUCATION STUDENTS TO UNDERGO AGE-APPROPRIATE BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Basic Life Support Training in Schools Act".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - Pursuant to Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

Pursuant thereto, the State shall ensure that able-bodied citizens are equipped with the necessary knowledge and basic skills to respond to certain health emergencies.

SEC. 3. *Basic Life Support for Basic Education Students.* - It shall be the duty of all public and private basic education schools operating nationwide to provide their students with basic life support training through the use of psychomotor training in an age-appropriate manner. The instruction shall include programs which have been developed by the Philippine Heart Association (PHA) or Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) using nationally-recognized, evidence-based guidelines for emergency cardiovascular care, and psychomotor training, to support the instruction. As far as practicable, basic education schools shall incorporate basic life support training as part of the schools' comprehensive health and physical education curriculum.

As used in this Act, psychomotor training refers to hands-on practice to support cognitive learning.

SEC. 4. *Certification for Training.* - All successful student-trainees shall be certified to have undergone the training required by a competent school authority.

SEC. 5. *Training Providers.* - The school principal or administrator shall coordinate with the Department of Health (DOH) for its assistance in providing competent instructors for the school's basic life support education training program. The DOH shall accredit nongovernment organizations (NGOs) competent to provide basic life support instructions.

SEC. 6. *Exceptions.* - Students suffering from any physical or mental disability which may render them unable to perform a basic life support procedure are exempted from going through the basic life support training program.

SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Department of the Implementing Agencies. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act. The implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant to this section shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved:  
FELICIANO BELMONTE JR. Speaker of the House of Representatives  
FRANKLIN M. DRILON President of the Senate

Senate Bill No. 3204, which was approved by the Senate on May 23, 2016, was adopted as an amendment to House Bill No. 6204 by the House of Representatives on May 23, 2016.

MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP Secretary General House of Representatives  
OSCAR G. YABES Secretary of the Senate

Approved: BENIGNO S. AQUINO III President of the Philippines

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## [ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10875 ]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN JOSE, CITY OF ANTIPOLO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL TO BE KNOWN AS ANTIPOLO CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national science and technology high school in Barangay San Jose, City of Antipolo, Province of Rizal to be known as Antipolo City National Science and Technology High School.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Antipolo City National Science and Technology High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved:  
FRANKLIN M. DRILON President of the Senate  
FELICIANO BELMONTE JR. Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on May 19, 2014 and May 30, 2016, respectively.

OSCAR G. YABES Secretary of the Senate  
MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved: BENIGNO S. AQUINO III President of the Philippines

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## [ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10872 ]

AN ACT SEPARATING THE CAGASAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - MAGSAYSAY ANNEX IN BARANGAY MAGSAYSAY, MUNICIPALITY OF CORDON, PROVINCE OF ISABELA FROM THE CAGASAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CORDON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Separation and Conversion into a National High School.* - The Cagasat National High School - Magsaysay Annex in Barangay Magsaysay, Municipality of Cordon, Province of Isabela is hereby separated from the Cagasat National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Cordon National High School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* - All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Cagasat National High School - Magsaysay Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Cordon National High School.

SEC. 3. *Appropriation.* - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Cordon National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Cagasat National High School - Magsaysay Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. *Implementation.* - The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved:  
FRANKLIN M. DRILON President of the Senate  
FELICIANO BELMONTE JR. Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on February 23, 2015 and May 23, 2016, respectively.

OSCAR G. YABES Secretary of the Senate  
MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved: BENIGNO S. AQUINO III President of the Philippines

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## [ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10876 ]

AN ACT SEPARATING THE KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - AMBATO TINGLAYAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY AMBATO-LEGLEG, MUNICIPALITY OF TINGLAYAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TINGLAYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The Kalinga National High School - Ambato Tinglayan Annex in Barangay Ambato-Legleg, Municipality of Tinglayan, Province of Kalinga is hereby separated from the Kalinga National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Tinglayan National High School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Kalinga National High School - Ambato Tinglayan Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Tinglayan National High School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Tinglayan National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Kalinga National High School - Ambato Tinglayan Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved:  
FRANKLIN M. DRILON President of the Senate  
FELICIANO BELMONTE JR. Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives on February 23, 2015, amended by the Senate on February 1, 2016, and which amendment was concurred in by the House of Representatives on May 23, 2016.

OSCAR G. YABES Secretary of the Senate  
MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved: BENIGNO S. AQUINO III President of the Philippines

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## [ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10877 ]

AN ACT SEPARATING THE GOV. ALFREDO ABUEG SR. NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND VOCATIONAL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL - ARIBUNGOS EXTENSION IN BARANGAY ARIBUNGOS, MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S POINT, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN FROM THE GOV. ALFREDO ABUEG SR. NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND VOCATIONAL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS INIL U. TAHA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The Gov. Alfredo Abueg Sr. National Technology and Vocational Memorial High School - Aribungos Extension in Barangay Aribungos, Municipality of Brooke's Point, Province of Palawan is hereby separated from the Gov. Alfredo Abueg Sr. National Technology and Vocational Memorial High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Inil U. Taha National High School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Gov. Alfredo Abueg Sr. National Technology and Vocational Memorial High School - Aribungos Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Inil U. Taha National High School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Inil U. Taha National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Gov. Alfredo Abueg Sr. National Technology and Vocational Memorial High School - Aribungos Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Education shall issue the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved:  
FRANKLIN M. DRILON President of the Senate  
FELICIANO BELMONTE JR. Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives on February 23, 2015, amended by the Senate on February 1, 2016, and which amendments were concurred in by the House of Representatives on May 23, 2016.

OSCAR G. YABES Secretary of the Senate  
MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved: BENIGNO S. AQUINO III President of the Philippines

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