



City of Surigao

Philippines

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 29 Series of 2020

AN ORDER FOR THE SUSPENSION OF ONLINE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING DELIVERY PLATFORMS IDENTIFIED BY THE DepED INFORMATION and COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SERVICE (ICTS)

WHEREAS, on **MARCH 13, 2020**, the OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, thru the Executive Secretary, issued a Memorandum for the **STRINGENT SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES** and **FURTHER GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION** and advised LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS outside of the NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR) to exercise sound discretion in suspending classes in their respective jurisdictions, provided that measures and arrangements are in place to allow students to continue fulfilling their requirements, in coordination with the DepED or CHED;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the said Memorandum, on **MARCH 13, 2020**, the Office of the City Mayor, Surigao City, issued EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 20 which suspended classes in all levels within the City;

WHEREAS, on **MARCH 15, 2020**, the Department of Education (DepED) adopted **SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES FOR THE REMAINDER SCHOOL YEAR** and issued Memorandum No. 042, S. 2020 on the Guidelines for the Remainder of School Year 2019-2020 in Light of COVID-19 Measures;

WHEREAS, par. 7 of the guidelines highly encouraged teachers with available resources and access to the internet to explore the ONLINE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING DELIVERY PLATFORMS identified by the DepED INFORMATION and COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SERVICE (ICTS) and par. 8 thereof, private schools in the basic education are, also, highly encouraged to adopt the same guideline for the remaining period of the school year;

WHEREAS, on **MARCH 16, 2020**, Pres. RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES which confirmed the LOCAL TRANSMISSION OF CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) and that its outbreak constitutes an emergency that threatens national security and requires a whole-of-government response to prevent further transmission of COVID-19, mitigate its effects and impact to the

community, ensure the safety and well-being of all and prevent serious disruption of the functioning of the government and the community;

WHEREAS, on **MARCH 16, 2020**, Pres. RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE issued Proclamation No. 929 declaring a **STATE OF CALAMITY THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES DUE TO CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019** and imposed an **ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE** throughout Luzon until April 12, 2020 and enjoined ALL government agencies and LGU's to render full assistance to and cooperation with each other and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent and appropriate disaster response aid and measures to curtail and eliminate the threat of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on **MARCH 17, 2020**, recognizing that the business operation of INTERNET CAFES and PISONETS are patronized not only by adults but also by minors and the gatherings of its customers within the area of its operation is in violation of **Resolution No. 10, Series of 2020**, of the INTER AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (TFMEID) which requires **SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES** to be adopted and implemented to prevent or minimize the risk of COVID-19 contamination, **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26, Series of 2020** was issued by the Office of the City Mayor, Surigao City;

WHEREAS, **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26, Series of 2020 ORDERED THE SUSPENSION OF THE BUSINESS OPERATION OF ALL INTERNET CAFES and PISONETS to contain or prevent the LOCAL CONTAMINATION and spread of COVID-19, mitigate its effects, prevent loss of life and ensure the health, safety and well-being of the inhabitants of the City;**

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Mayor, Surigao City, has received numerous complaints coming from the parents of students of both PUBLIC and PRIVATE SCHOOLS regarding the failure of their children to comply with the online classes and/or assignments pursuant to the DepED's **ONLINE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING DELIVERY PLATFORMS** due to the unreliable, inefficient, poor and **slow internet access at their respective homes;**

WHEREAS, in order to be able to comply with their school assignments and passed these on time, their children are compelled to avail of the internet services provided for by the INTERNET CAFES which are located OUTSIDE of their homes and thereby ADVERSELY exposed their children to possible contamination of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, DUE TO THE SUSPENSION OF INTERNET CAFES under Executive Order No. 26, Series of 2020, the school children has no more access to internet service and therefore, cannot practically and possibly comply with their online assignments which has caused these children serious mental anguish, anxiety and torture for fear of not being able to pass their class;

WHEREAS, the issuance of EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26, Series of 2020 is based on **SECTION 16 (GENERAL WELFARE CLAUSE) OF R. A. 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991)** which provides that "EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT SHALL EXERCISE THE POWERS

EXPRESSLY GRANTED, THOSE NECESSARILY IMPLIED THEREFROM, as well as POWERS NECESSARY, APPROPRIATE, OR INCIDENTAL FOR ITS EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE, and those which are ESSENTIAL TO THE PROMOTION OF THE GENERAL WELFARE. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, the local government units SHALL ENSURE and SUPPORT, among other things, the PROMOTION OF HEALTH and SAFETY... MAINTAIN PEACE and ORDER, and PRESERVE THE COMFORT and CONVENIENCE OF THEIR INHABITANTS.”;

WHEREAS, the Memorandum dated MARCH 13, 2020 of the Office of the President, declared that whenever a class suspension is ordered, **the concerned LGU, with the assistance of the DILG, SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES DURING THE CLASS SUSPENSION;**

WHEREAS, the **continued implementation of DepED’s ONLINE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING DELIVERY PLATFORMS is CONTRARY AND INIMICAL TO THE MANDATE OF MEMORANDUM DATED MARCH 13, 2020, PROCLAMATION NO. 922, S. 2020 and PROCLAMATION NO. 929, S. 2020, all issued by the OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, which mandated the Local Government IMPOSE SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES AND TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS SHALL REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES DURING THE CLASS SUSPENSION;**

WHEREAS, in order to avoid further confusion and ensure the full implementation of the mandate under MEMORANDUM dated MARCH 13, 2020, PROCLAMATION NOS. 922 and 929, both dated MARCH 16, 2020, to prevent or minimize the risk of local contamination and further transmission of COVID-19, mitigate its effects and impact to the community, ensure the safety and well-being of all and prevent serious disruption of the functioning of the government and the community, there is an **URGENT NEED to SUSPEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DepED’s ONLINE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING DELIVERY PLATFORMS;**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERNESTO U. MATUGAS, JR., in order to contain or prevent the local contamination and spread of COVID-19, mitigate its effects, prevent loss of life and to preserve peace and order and security and ensure the safety and well-being of the inhabitants of the City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, as City Mayor of the Local Government Unit of Surigao City, do hereby declare:

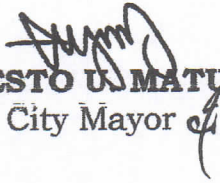
THE SUSPENSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ONLINE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING DELIVERY PLATFORMS IDENTIFIED BY THE DepED INFORMATION and COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SERVICE (ICTS). The School Superintendent and/or School Administrator of ALL PUBLIC and PRIVATE SCHOOLS are hereby ordered to enforce or implement this Order immediately in the interest of public health, safety and welfare.

Let copies of this Order be furnished the Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Education, and the Commission on Higher Education for their reference and information.

**THIS ORDER SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UNTIL
REVOKED.**

SO ORDERED.

MARCH 24, 2020. SURIGAO CITY.


HON. ERNESTO U. MATUGAS, JR.
City Mayor

Cc: The Department of Interior & Local Government ()
The Department of Education ()
The Commission of Higher Education ()
Schools & Universities ()
File ()