

Quality Universal Elementary and High School Education in Naga of the QUEEN Program is the city government's response to this problem; hence, this legislative measure.

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as "The QUEEN Ordinance of Naga City."

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Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the expressed policy of the state to provide free public education from elementary up to high school. Towards this end, the city government of Naga is duty-bound to exhaust all means possible of realizing this specific constitutional mandate, especially in ensuring that all Nagueno school children will have full access to complete elementary and high school education.

Section 3. The QUEEN Program. The Quality Universal Elementary and High School Education in Naga to be known as QUEEN Program is a non-political initiative that seeks to mobilize all stakeholders of the public school system, particularly at the community level, to ensure that all Nagueno school children will be able to complete quality basic education.

It has two components: (a) the basic QUEEN project, which focuses on the elementary level, and (b) QUEEN Plus project, which extends program coverage at the high school level.

Section 4. Program Coverage. The QUEEN program shall cover all resident Naguenos enrolled in public elementary and high schools in the city. Provided, that they comply with standard DepEd school regulations. Provided, further that their parents or guardians faithfully abide by the reasonable conditions that may be imposed under the program, such as but not limited to, attendance in brigada eskwela, rabuz, and parenting seminar.

Section 5. Objectives. The QUEEN program aims to ensure that all school children in Naga City will be able to access and

complete elementary and high school education. Specifically, it seeks to:

- (a) Raise local consciousness about the challenges facing Naga in regard to completion of elementary and high school education among school children;
- (b) Provide the required funding support to ensure the provision of free elementary and high school education to children especially the underprivileged or those coming from financially handicapped families in the city; and
- (c) Mobilize local communities and other stakeholders in providing the necessary support system towards ensuring that no school children will be left behind.

Section 6. Mechanics. The QUEEN Program shall be guided by the following implementation guidelines defining the respective role of each stakeholder:

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- (a) The Program shall be implemented by the city government through the QUEEN Management Team herein created. It shall work out a scholarship scheme that will be extended to all school children, with the end view of covering at least all mandatory or authorized school fees throughout elementary grade and high school.
- (b) The Naga City School Board shall provide the necessary funding requirement under the QUEEN Program.
- (c) The Division of City Schools, together with all the public elementary schools in Naga, shall intensify efforts to monitor and track all pupils entering the system. During enrolment, there shall be zero unclaimed report cards.
- (d) The Barangay Councils shall coordinate with local schools within their respective jurisdiction and encourage all parents to send and maintain their children in school.
- (e) The Parents Teachers and Community Association and the Naga City People's Council shall find ways of helping financially handicapped parents overcome problems in regard to putting and maintaining their children in school.

- (f) In joining the project, parents shall commit to see their children through elementary and high school, ensure their regular attendance, and refrain from sending them to work or on other errands.

Section 7. Implementing Structure. (a) A Management Team is hereby created to oversee the implementation of the QUEEN program and address operational issues that will arise, with the end view of ensuring that its objectives are successfully carried out. The City QUEEN Management Team shall be comprised of the following:

- (a) The City Mayor, as program director;
- (b) The Vice-Mayor, as deputy program director;
- (c) The Chairperson or any member of the Committee on Education of the Sangguniang Panlungsod who shall be designated by the City Mayor, as executive officer;
- (d) The Division of City Schools Superintendent, the city PTA league president, the NACITEA president, the QUEEN Federation president, the city social welfare and development officer, the Association of Barangay Council president, the Naga City People's Council chair, and the Naga City School Board project coordinator, as members

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It shall have the necessary support staff headed by the Naga City School Board Administrator which shall be in-charge of carrying out the action plans formulated by the City QUEEN Management Team.

(b) A school-level QUEEN Management Team shall also be organized to oversee implementation of the QUEEN initiatives thereat. It shall comprise of the school head as team leader, and the PTCA/PTA and faculty club presidents, representative of the barangay council and the QUEEN Parents' Association president, as members.

(c) A QUEEN Parents' Association (QPA) in every school as well as a city-wide QUEEN Federation shall be organized to help assist in addressing program concerns.

Section 8. Program Implementation Review and Success Indicators. Every year before the start of the enrolment period, the QUEEN Management Team shall meet to review the detailed mechanics to identify problem areas, propose appropriate solutions, and promulgate revisions that will improve overall program implementation.

The primary indicators for measuring program success shall be the participation, cohort survival and completion rates which form part of the 2nd Millennium Development Goal. These indicators shall be computed annually by the Division of City Schools and shall be made available to the team prior to every review.

Section 9. Funding. Full funding support for the QUEEN program shall be provided for under the annual budget of the Naga City School Board. The School Board shall prioritize the program pursuant to its mandate of providing operational support to the public school system under the Local Government Code of 1991.

Section 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within thirty (30) days from effectivity of this Ordinance, the City QUEEN Management Team shall prepare and approve a detailed and comprehensive Implementing Rules and Regulations to effectively enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, subject to the ratification of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Section 11. Repealing Clause. Any provision of ordinance, rules and regulations and/or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

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Section 12. Separability Clause. Should any portion or provisions of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or

invalid, the other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 13. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and after publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

ENACTED: November 27, 2007

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

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