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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 04-16-24-15-A
Series of 2024

AN ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 04-16-24-15, ENTITLED, "AN ORDER SETTING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE SUSPENSION OF FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ALL LEVELS, PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE COLLEGES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF SILAY CITY, AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ASYNCHRONOUS CLASSES/DISTANCE LEARNING DUE TO HIGH HEAT INDEX"

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991" provided that "every local government unit shall exercise the power 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 jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, promote health and safety, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants".

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 66, Series of 2012, dated January 9, 2012, was issued by President Benigno S. Aquino III, prescribing rules on the cancellation or suspension of classes and work in government offices due to typhoons, flooding, other weather disturbances and calamities.

WHEREAS, DepEd Order No. 037, Series of 2022, entitled Guidelines on the Cancellation or Suspension of classes and Work in Schools in the event of Natural Disasters, Power Outages, Power Interruptions and other Calamities.

WHEREAS, CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 15, Series of 2013 states that: xxx
3. Classes at the collegiate level, including graduate school, may be cancelled or suspended at the discretion of the local chief executives of Local Government Units and/or heads of HEIs in special circumstances in their area such as flooding, road damage, etc. warrant it. HEIs are also advised to monitor National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) announcements where disasters and calamities are present xxx.

WHEREAS, presently, the City of Silay is suffering from the effects of high heat index caused by El Niño and summer season.

WHEREAS, the Heat Index Chart of DOST-PAG-ASA provides that 33 to 41 degree Celsius (Extreme Caution) could possibly lead to heat cramps and heat exhaustion, continuing activity could lead to heat stroke.

WHEREAS, the Heat Index Chart of DOST-PAG-ASA provides that 42 to 51 degree Celsius (Danger) could likely lead to heat cramps and heat exhaustion, heat stroke is probable with continued exposure.

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of the students, teachers, and the entire school community are of paramount importance and must be protected during adverse weather conditions.

WHEREAS, it is imperative to take proactive measures and guidelines to ensure safety of all individuals within the educational sector in the City of Silay in case of intense heat, which includes adoption of alternative learning delivery modes in lieu of the face-to-face classes.



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WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State to protect the life and property and promote the general welfare of the people.

WHEREAS, this Local Chief Executive has previously issued Executive Order No. 04-16-24-15, Series of 2024, entitled, "AN ORDER SETTING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE SUSPENSION OF FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ALL LEVELS, PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE COLLEGES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF SILAY CITY, AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ASYNCHRONOUS CLASSES/DISTANCE LEARNING DUE TO HIGH HEAT INDEX".

WHEREAS, there is now a need to amend the said Executive Order No. 04-16-24-15, Series of 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, I, **JOEDITH C. GALLEGO**, City Mayor of Silay City, by the power and authority vested, to ensure public welfare and safety, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. PREROGATIVE OF SCHOOL HEADS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN ALL LEVELS (EXCEPT COLLEGES) WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF SILAY CITY, TO SUSPEND FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES AND AUTOMATICALLY SHIFT TO ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY MODE OF LEARNING. Once the confirmed heat index forecast of the DOST-PAG-ASA will reach 33 degree Celsius but not more than 41 degree Celsius, the School Heads of public and private schools in all levels, within the territorial jurisdiction of Silay City, have the option to suspend face-to-face classes and automatically shift to **ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY MODE OF LEARNING**.

It is hereby reiterated that in case of high heat index caused by El Niño and summer season, School Heads are enjoined to implement appropriate measures to ensure the health and safety of students and staff within school premises which includes adoption of alternative learning delivery modes in lieu of the face-to-face classes. Learners are advised to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water, stay indoors especially during the hottest part of the day, wear lightweight, breathable clothing and avoid strenuous activities during peak heat hours.

SECTION 2. PREROGATIVE OF SCHOOL HEADS IN PRIVATE COLLEGES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF SILAY CITY. Once the confirmed heat index forecast of the DOST-PAG-ASA will reach 33 degree Celsius but not more than 41 degree Celsius, private colleges within the territorial jurisdiction of Silay City, have the option to suspend face-to-face classes and automatically shift to alternative delivery mode of learning, or may proceed with the resumption of face-to-face classes subject to the full discretion of the school heads insofar as the facilities (*e.g. classrooms are provisioned with air-conditioning units or with sufficient ventilation*) can accommodate onsite learning during extreme heat conditions as forecasted by DOST-PAG-ASA.

SECTION 3. AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION OF FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING PRIVATE COLLEGES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF SILAY CITY. Face-to-face classes shall be automatically suspended in all levels in public and private schools within the territorial jurisdiction of Silay City, **without the need of issuance of a separate executive order**, once the confirmed high heat index forecast of the DOST-PAG-ASA will reach **42 degree Celsius (danger) or higher**. However, upon automatic suspension of classes due to high heat index (danger level), School Heads shall immediately shift to **ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY MODES OF LEARNING** which includes modular learning and/or online classes.



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Teaching personnel, including ALS teachers, and non-teaching personnel in schools shall not be required to report to work, except those who are mandated to render security, safety, finance, engineering, sanitation, health and disaster response duties.

SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part or provision of this Executive Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other parts or provisions hereof.

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Executive Orders, whose provisions are in conflict with, or contrary, to the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect on April 23, 2024.

SECTION 7. ISSUANCE. Issued this **April 22, 2024** in the City of Silay, Negros Occidental, Philippines.

HON. JOEDITH C. GALLEGO
City Mayor