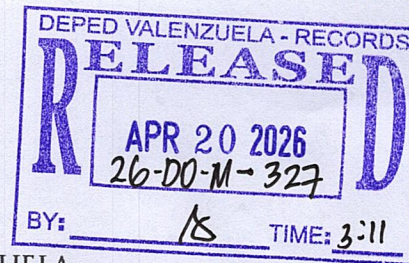




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SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF CITY OF VALENZUELA



**Office of the Schools Division  
Superintendent**

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 0326 s. 2026

**DISSEMINATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1332, SERIES OF 2026 TITLED  
"AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE CANCELLATION OR SUSPENSION OF CLASSES  
AND WORK IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES IN THE EVENT OF DISASTERS AND  
OTHER NATURAL CALAMITIES IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA"**

To: OIC – Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors - CID and SGOD  
Education Program Supervisors and Public Schools District Supervisors  
Division Unit Heads  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads/OIC's  
Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel  
All Others Concerned

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, the City Government of Valenzuela recently passed City Ordinance No. 1332, Series of 2026 titled "*An Ordinance prescribing the cancellation or suspension of classes and work in Schools and Colleges in the event of disasters and other natural calamities in the City of Valenzuela*" also known as *Valenzuela Distance Learning Continuity Ordinance of 2026*, details are stated therein.
2. Particular attention is hereby invited to Section 5 (*amended Section 7 of Ordinance No. 1052, s. 2022 or Discretionary Cancellation and Revision of Cancellation of Classes*), for reference and guidance.
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

**NOEL D. BALANO**  
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated  
References: Ordinance NO. 1052, S. 2022  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

**CANCELLATION**

**SUSPENSION**

**DISTANCE LEARNING**

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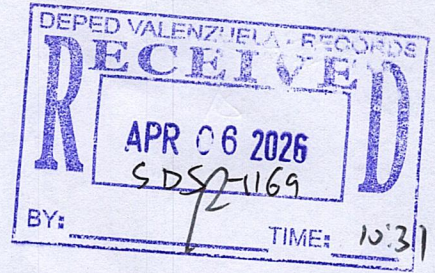


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**ORDINANCE NO. 1332**  
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**AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1052, SERIES OF 2022, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1175, SERIES OF 2024, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE GUIDELINES ON THE CANCELLATION OR SUSPENSION OF CLASSES AND WORK IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES IN THE EVENT OF DISASTERS AND OTHER NATURAL CALAMITIES IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA," BY PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF DISTANCE LEARNING MODALITIES WHEN FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES ARE SUSPENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Authored by : Coun. NIÑA SHIELA B. LOPEZ and Coun. LORENA NATIVIDAD-BORJA

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 1052, Series of 2022, otherwise known as the "Automatic Class Suspension Ordinance", as amended by Ordinance No. 1175, Series of 2024, provides localized guidelines for the cancellation or suspension of classes and work in schools and colleges in Valenzuela City during disasters, calamities, extreme heat and other hazards;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 16 of the Local Government Code, local government units shall exercise powers necessary and appropriate for the promotion of the general welfare, including promoting health and safety and ensuring continuity of basic services;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education (DepEd) recognizes the authority of school heads and local authorities to shift to **Alternative Delivery Mode (ADM)** such online distance learning, modular distance learning, or blended learning when face-to-face classes are suspended;

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**WHEREAS**, to protect the health, safety, and continuity of learning for learners, and to reduce confusion and unequal responses among schools, there is a need to require that schools adopt any appropriate ADM when face-to-face classes are suspended under Ordinance No. 1052, as amended;

**WHEREAS**, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10665 recognize **Alternative Delivery Modes (ADM)** as "an alternative way of delivering education within the formal school system" for learners who cannot regularly attend classes, and identify such ADMs as part of the formal education system IRR of RA 10665;

**WHEREAS**, distance learning modalities such as modular distance learning, online distance learning, and blended learning are recognized components of ADMs and are necessary to ensure learning continuity whenever face-to-face classes are suspended due to disasters, calamities, extreme heat, or other similar hazards;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to further amend Ordinance No. 1052, as amended, to expressly mandate the shift to distance learning modalities during periods of face-to-face class suspensions, taking into account equity, accessibility, inclusion of learners with disabilities, and reasonable accommodation, consistent with national policy;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **ORDAINED** as it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the 10<sup>th</sup> City Council of Valenzuela, in session duly assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. Title.** - This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Valenzuela City Distance Learning Continuity Ordinance of 2026.**"

**SECTION 2.** Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1052, Series of 2022 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** X X X

*It is also the policy of the City to:*

- a. *Safeguard the health and safety of learners, teachers and school personnel during disasters, calamities, extreme heat, and other similar hazards that necessitate the suspension of face-to-face classes; and*
- b. *Ensure continuity of learning by mandating a shift to appropriate distance learning modalities including modular distance learning, online distance learning, or blended learning whenever face-to-*

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face classes are suspended under Ordinance No. 1052, as amended.

**SECTION 3.** Section 3 of Ordinance No. 1052, Series of 2022 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 3. COVERAGE. X X X**

*This Ordinance shall apply to:*

- a. *All public and private pre-schools, elementary and secondary schools, and community learning centers within Valenzuela City; and*
- b. *State/local universities and colleges and private colleges/universities insofar as they offer basic education programs or are otherwise subject to Ordinance No. 1052, as amended, on class suspensions.*

**SECTION 4.** Section 4 of Ordinance No. 1052, Series of 2022 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. X X X**

**Alternative Delivery Mode (ADM)** — *as defined in the IRR of RA 10665, refers to an alternative way of delivering education within the formal school system, catering to learners under unique circumstances that prevent regular classroom attendance*

**Distance Learning Modalities** — *forms of ADM in which learning takes place when teachers and learners are geographically separated, and which use appropriate learning resources and communication technologies. For this Ordinance, learning modalities include, but are not limited to:*

- a. *Modular Distance Learning — use of printed or digital self-learning modules or similar materials delivered to and from learners' homes or agreed drop-off points;*
- b. *Online Distance Learning — use of internet-based platforms and digital tools to deliver live (synchronous) or self-paced (asynchronous) instruction, activities, and assessments; and*



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c. *Blended Learning* — a combination of at least two of the following: face-to-face instruction (when allowed), modular distance learning, and online distance learning.

**Face-to-Face Class Suspension** — any temporary cancellation or suspension of in-person classes under Sections 5, 6 and 7 of Ordinance No. 1052, Series of 2022, as amended by Ordinance No.1175, Series of 2024.

**School Head** — the person responsible for the administrative and instructional supervision of the school or cluster of schools, such as the Principal, President, or Administrator.

**SECTION 5.** Section 7 of Ordinance No. 1052, Series of 2022 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 7. DISCRETIONARY CANCELLATION AND REVISION OF CANCELLATION OF CLASSES. X X X**

**7.1 Mandatory Shift to Distance Learning Modalities.**

**7.1. General Rule.** — Whenever face-to-face classes are suspended in whole or in part pursuant to Ordinance No. 1052, as amended, all covered schools shall shift to at least one (1) distance learning modality as defined in Section 4.2 hereof, for the duration of the suspension, subject to the learners' access and needs.

**7.2. Minimum Options.** — Each school shall, at a minimum, adopt one or a combination of the following distance learning modalities, as appropriate to its context:

- a. Modular distance learning;
- b. Online distance learning; or
- c. Blended learning (any mix of modular and online, and face-to-face when already allowed).

**7.3. Selection of Modality.** — The School Head shall determine the most appropriate distance learning modality or combination thereof, taking into account:

- a. The socio-economic and connectivity profile of learners;



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- b. *The availability of printed or digital modules and other learning materials;*
- c. *The capacity of teachers and staff to deliver the modality;*
- d. *The safety and health conditions in the community; and*
- e. *The needs of learners with disabilities and other vulnerable learners.*

**7.4. No-Internet or Low-Connectivity Areas.** — *In areas or households with no or limited internet access, modular distance learning shall be the default modality, without prejudice to any other low-technology or community-based strategies consistent with DepEd policies.*

**7.5. Learners with Disabilities.** — *In coordination with the DepEd and relevant agencies implementing RA 11650, schools shall ensure that the chosen learning modalities are reasonably accessible to learners with disabilities, including through use of assistive devices, adapted materials, or additional support, subject to available resources.*

**7.6.** *In all cases, the personnel affected shall be properly compensated by submission of Accomplishment Report (AR) with corresponding attachment as mode of verification. For asynchronous/modular distant learning where the internet connection is affected, an Accomplishment Report (AR) or Daily Log Accomplishment Report, duly verified and checked by their supervisor, head teacher, chairperson, or dean, as the case may be, is sufficient to grant the honoraria/compensation to the said personnel.*

**7.7. Responsibilities of Schools and School Heads.**

**7.7.1 Continuity Plan** - *All schools covered by this Ordinance shall prepare and maintain a Learning Continuity Plan detailing:*

**7.7.1.1.** *The learning modalities to be adopted for different grade levels or learners groups;*

**7.7.1.2.** *Procedures for the preparation, distribution, and retrieval of learning materials;*



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**7.7.1.3.** *Teacher work arrangements and schedules during suspensions;*

**7.7.1.4.** *Assessment and feedback mechanisms while on learning modality; and*

**7.7.1.5.** *Catch-up plans when face-to-face classes resume.*

**7.7.2 Notification.** – *Within twenty-four (24) hours from the announcement of face-to-face class suspension, the School Head shall cause the dissemination of:*

**7.7.2.1** *The period covered by the suspension;*

**7.7.2.2** *The specific distance learning modality/ies to be implemented; and*

**7.7.2.3** *Instructions to learners and parents/guardians on how to access learning materials and submit outputs.*

*This shall be done through at least two (2) of the following: SMS, school website, social media, printed notices, community postings, or other accessible channels. The City Public Information Office (PIO) and Digital Communications Office (DCO) shall assist upon request.*

**7.7.3 Teacher Support.** – *School heads shall provide guidance and support to teachers in delivering distance learning, including scheduling, consultation hours, and clear expectations regarding learner monitoring and assessment.*

**SECTION 6.** Section 8 of Ordinance No. 1052, Series of 2022 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 8. ROLES OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND LEARNERS. X X X**

**8.1** *Parents/guardians shall, to the extent practicable, support their children’s participation in the prescribed learning modality and communicate connectivity or other constraints to the school;*

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**8.2** Learners shall exert reasonable effort to participate in the assigned learning modality, complete assigned tasks, and inform their teachers of any difficulties encountered.

**8.3 City Government Support Funding.**

**8.3.1** The City Government of Valenzuela, through the City Mayor, The Local School Board, and other concerned offices, may:

- a. Assist in printing and distribution of learning modules;
- b. Provide or support community learning hubs, Wi-Fi hotspots, or similar digital infrastructure;
- c. Coordinate with DepEd, CHED, DICT, and other agencies for connectivity and device support; and
- d. Provide training and capacity-building for teachers and school heads on distance learning.

**8.4** Consistent with RA 11494, a portion of the Special Education Fund (SEF) may be used to support "alternative learning modalities, digital education, digital infrastructure, and continuity plans" and related distance learning needs, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules.

**8.5 Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation.** Within seven (7) days after the resumption of face-to-face classes following each suspension period, schools shall submit to the Local School Board and Committee on Basic Education of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, a brief report specifying:

- 8.5.1** The distance learning modality/ies used;
- 8.5.2** Number and percentage of learners reached;
- 8.5.3** Major issues encountered; and
- 8.5.4** Recommendations for improvement.

**8.6** The Local School Board and Committee on Basic Education of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall consolidate such reports and



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*submit a periodic summary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for policy review and possible adjustment of support programs.*

**SECTION 7. Non-Impairment; Consistency with National Policy.**

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to reduce or impair the authority of the Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, or other national agencies to prescribe standards for curriculum and ADM implementation. This Ordinance localizes and reinforces national policy on alternative delivery modes and distance learning in the formal school system.

Further, this Ordinance shall not impair the National Declaration by the President suspending classes and/or work, in which case, the national declaration shall prevail.

**SECTION 8. Separability Clause.** If any part of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

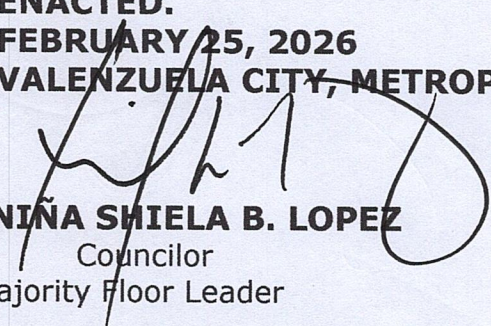
**SECTION 9. Repealing Clause.** All ordinances, rules, regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 10. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the posting and publication requirements under applicable laws

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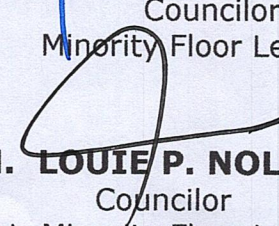
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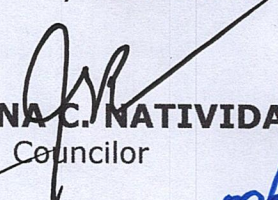
  
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