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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 187 the Sangguniang Bayan of San Isidro, Leyte.

**Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:**

- Ordinance No. 187 entitled: **“San Isidro Localized Class Suspension Ordinance.”**

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Sections 447(a)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160), pursuant to DepEd Order No. 37 s, 2022<sup>2</sup>. Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

  
**ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL**  
*Provincial Legal Officer*

<sup>1</sup> (a) The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code, and shall:

(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective municipal government

<sup>2</sup> Guidelines on the cancellation or suspension of classes and work in schools in the event of Natural Disasters, Outages/Power interruptions, and other calamities.

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 187**, series of 2026 of the **Municipality of San Isidro, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance institutionalizing the localized class suspension protocols in all public and private schools within the Municipality of San Isidro, Leyte, providing for automatic triggers, and defining the roles of the Local Chief Executive and School Heads.**



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**MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO**  
**17th Sangguniang Bayan**



April 1, 2026

**HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.**  
Provincial Vice Governor  
Legislative Bldg. Capitol Cmpd.  
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Thru: The Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan/  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

**Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:**

Greetings.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, we respectfully transmit herewith sixteen (16) copies of **Municipal Ordinance No. 187 Series of 2026**, entitled: **“An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Localized Class Suspension Protocols in All Public and Private Schools Within the Municipality of San Isidro, Leyte, Providing for Automatic Triggers, and Defining the Roles of the Local Chief Executive and School Heads”**, for review, and appropriate action by the Honorable Sangguniang Bayan.

Thank you for your usual support and cooperation.

Respectfully yours,

  
**MARIA CARINE R. VILLARINO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Attachment:

- 16 copies M.O s. 2026



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### 17h Sangguniang Bayan

### MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 187

Series of 2026

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE LOCALIZED CLASS SUSPENSION PROTOCOLS IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC TRIGGERS, AND DEFINING THE ROLES OF THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND SCHOOL HEADS.**

Authored by: **Hon. Glenn D. Velasco** – *Chairman, Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management*

Coauthored by: *Hon. Ailen L. Basilan, Hon. Courtney I. Viola, Hon. Rem Beryl Y. Veloso, Hon. Jerold T. Lumapak*

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates every Local Government Unit (LGU) to promote the general welfare of its inhabitants, including the protection of life and property during calamities;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10121, or the *Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010*, empowers LGUs to build a resilient community through pro-active, risk-informed decision-making;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education (DepEd) Order No. 022, series of 2024, provides guidelines for the suspension of classes but also allows for localized class suspensions by the Local Chief Executive or Sangguniang Bayan based on local conditions;

**WHEREAS**, the MDRRMO of San Isidro, Leyte, is the primary technical body mandated to monitor local hazards and provide science-based recommendations to the Local Government Unit regarding public safety;

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the MDRRMO to adopt the triggers set by DepEd Order No. 022, s. 2024 while adding localized safeguards for extreme heat and seismic activity;

**WHEREAS**, the MDRRMO emphasizes that an Ordinance is necessary to provide "Automatic Triggers"—defined as conditions where classes are suspended instantly without the need for an official letter—thereby reducing the time students spend in transit during dangerous conditions;

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**WHEREAS**, the MDRRMO recommends that the Local Chief Executive and School Heads be granted clearly defined Discretionary Authority to suspend classes during "Yellow Rainfall Warnings" or localized emergencies, provided such decisions are based on the technical assessment of the San Isidro MDRRMO;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of San Isidro, Leyte, in a session assembled, that:

**Section 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as the "**San Isidro Localized Class Suspension Ordinance of 2026.**"

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** – It is the policy of the Municipality of San Isidro, Leyte, to prioritize the safety and well-being of all learners and school personnel by institutionalizing localized class suspension protocols based on automatic triggers. This policy aims to ensure public safety and operational clarity of the localized automatic suspensions, recognizing that the protection of the lives and health of the academic community is a paramount responsibility of the local government.

**Section 3. SCOPE AND COVERAGE.** This Ordinance shall apply to all public and private educational institution, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of San Isidro, Leyte.

**Section 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** The following terms in this ordinance shall mean:

- A. Alternative Delivery Modes (ADM):** DepEd-approved learning modalities (e.g., modular, online, blended learning) that ensure educational continuity when in-person classes are suspended.
- B. Automatic Suspension:** The immediate cancellation of classes without the need for a specific local executive order, triggered as soon as PAGASA raises specified Tropical Cyclone Wind Signals or Rainfall Warnings.
- C. Localized Suspension:** A suspension of classes declared by the Local Chief Executive or School Heads based on specific ground conditions (e.g., flash floods, landslides, or structural damage) unique to the municipality or a specific school site.
- D. Disaster:** A serious disruption causing widespread human, material, or environmental losses that exceed the affected community's capacity to cope using its own resources.
- E. Flood Warning:** An official public announcement (typically Red, Orange, or Yellow rainfall warning) issued by PAGASA indicating the potential for flooding based on observed or expected rainfall intensity.
- F. Hazards:** Potential threats from natural events (e.g., typhoons, earthquakes, floods, landslides, epidemics) or human-induced incidents (e.g., industrial accidents, fires) that may cause a disaster.
- G. Online Classes:** Any learning delivery method utilizing digital platforms, encompassing both real-time (synchronous) and self-paced (asynchronous) instruction.
- H. PHIVOLCS Earthquake Intensity Scale (PEIS) -** The seismic scale developed by the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology to determine the strength of an

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earthquake based on its relative effect to people, structures, and objects in the surroundings, represented by Roman Numerals (I to X).

- I. **School Head:** The person, such as a Principal, President, or Administrator, responsible for the administrative and instructional supervision of a school or cluster of schools.
- J. **Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal (TCWS):** A tiered warning system (Signal #1 to #5) issued by PAGASA to alert the public of expected wind strength and associated impacts from an approaching tropical cyclone.
- K. **PAGASA:** Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration, the state weather bureau.
- L. **LGU:** Local Government Unit, referring to the Municipality of San Isidro, Leyte.

**Section 5. AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION TRIGGERS.** Face to face classes and school work are automatically suspended without the need for a separate municipal announcement under the following conditions mandated by national and local safety standards:

- A. **Typhoon Signal.** - Classes and work are automatically suspended in all levels once the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) raises **Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal (TCWS) No. 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5** over the Province of Leyte.
- B. **Rainfall Warning and Flooding Alerts.** - Adhering to the PAGASA Color-Coded Rainfall Warning System, the following rules apply:
  - a) **Yellow Rainfall Warning:** Suspension is **not automatic**. The discretion to suspend classes rests with the Local Chief Executive (Mayor) or the respective School Heads.
  - b) **Orange or Red Rainfall Warning:** Classes and work are automatically suspended in **all levels**.
- C. **Flood Warning.** - In the event of a Flood Warning issued by PAGASA specifically covering the Municipality or its localized river basins, classes and work are **automatically suspended**.
- D. **Earthquakes.** - Suspensions following an earthquake shall be based on the **PHIVOLCS Earthquake Intensity Scale (PEIS):**
  - **Intensity IV or Below:** The Mayor or School Heads may suspend classes based on preliminary visual inspections of structural integrity.
  - **Intensity V or Higher:** Classes and work are **automatically suspended**.
  - **Safety Clearance:** No student or personnel shall re-enter any building until a clearance is issued by:
    - The **School DRRM Focal Person** shall clear the return of students and personnel in buildings and other structures.
    - The **Punong Barangay** for the case of the day care centers or community learning centers, shall clear the return of children and personnel in building and other structures.
    - The **Municipal Engineer or MDRRMO** for general public structures.
- E. **Other and Observable Hazards.** - The Local Chief Executive or School Heads may suspend classes and work due to immediate threats to life or property, including but not limited to:
  - **Extreme Heat:** When the Heat Index is forecast to reach **42°C or higher**.

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- **Geological Hazards:** Imminent threats of landslides or storm surges.
- **Human-Induced Risks:** Active fires, chemical spills, or prolonged power outages.
- **Health and Accessibility:** Public health outbreaks, poor air quality, or significant road blockages/infrastructure damage.

**SECTION 6. DISCRETIONARY SUSPENSION AUTHORITY.**

- A. **Local Chief Executive (Mayor):** Authorized to suspend classes during Yellow Rainfall Warnings or other localized emergencies (e.g., extreme heat, power outages) upon the recommendation of the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MDRRMC).
- B. **School Heads:** Authorized to suspend classes immediately if a hazard occurs while students are already in school. They must ensure a safe "send-home" protocol or provide temporary shelter if travel is unsafe.
- C. **Parental Responsibility:** Parents and guardians always maintain the ultimate authority and discretion to keep their children home if they deem travel to or from school unsafe, even in the absence of an official suspension order.

**SECTION 7. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.** The San Isidro Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MDRRMC), in coordination with the School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Focal Person, shall be responsible for promptly disseminating official announcements and advisories regarding class suspensions through all available media channels, including the official Municipality of San Isidro, Leyte Facebook page.

**SECTION 8. MAKE-UP CLASSES.** All concerned school officials, both public and private, are enjoined to schedule make-up classes or alternative learning activities to offset the days when classes are suspended, ensuring that academic requirements are met, as per DepEd guidelines.

**SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, executive orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and effective.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its approval and the completion of its posting in at least two (2) conspicuous places within the municipality (e.g., municipal hall bulletin board, public market) as required by the Local Government Code of 1991.

**ENACTED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2026, during the regular session of the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of San Isidro, Leyte.

  
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(Absent)

  
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SK Fed. President

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Municipal Ordinance No. 187 series of 2026 which was duly enacted by the Seventeenth *Sangguniang Bayan* of San Isidro, Leyte on its 35<sup>th</sup> *Regular Session* held at the SB Hall on March 23, 2026.

  
**MARIA CARINE R. VILLARINO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED BY:

  
**REMEDIÓ B. VELOSO**  
Municipal Mayor

Date approved APRIL 1, 2026



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**16<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan**

## **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**


### **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT, **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 187 S. OF 2026, "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE LOCALIZED CLASS SUSPENSION PROTOCOLS IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC TRIGGERS, AND DEFINING THE ROLES OF THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND SCHOOL HEADS"**, has been posted in three (3) conspicuous places of the Municipality on March 26, 2026 and remain posted to date, in compliance with Art.114 of the Rules and Regulations Implementing the Local Government Code of 1991.

Issued this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 at San Isidro, Leyte.

  
**MARIA CARINE R. VILLARINO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Noted by:

  
**HON. CARMICHAEL L. VILLARINO**  
Municipal Vice Mayor  
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