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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-002 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Calubian, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-002 entitled: **“Localized Class Suspension Ordinance of the Municipality of Calubian, Leyte.”**

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)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160), pursuant to DepEd Order No. 37 s, 2022². 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 

¹ (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

² 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 **Ordinance No. 2026-002** of the **Municipality of Calubian, Leyte**, entitled: **Localized class suspension empowerment Ordinance of the Municipality of Calubian, Leyte.**

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FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



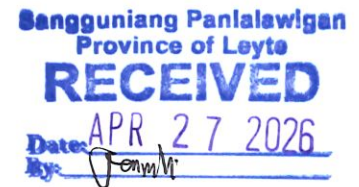
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

April 27, 2026

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
Provincial Vice Governor, Presiding Officer; and
The Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
New Leyte Provincial Capitol
Palo, Leyte



THRU: **MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**
Provincial Government Department Head
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Province of Leyte

Dear Honorable Ladies/ Gentlemen:

Good day!


We are respectfully forwarding *fifteen (15) copies* of the following Municipal Ordinances, to wit:

1. **Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-002**: LOCALIZED CLASS SUSPENSION EMPOWERMENT ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALUBIAN, LEYTE

For your perusal. Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. KEISHA YNA VINEE V. RAMIREZ
MGDH I (Secretary to the Sanggunian)



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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY THIRD (33rd) REGULAR SESSION OF THE TWENTY SIXTH (26th) SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF CALUBIAN, LEYTE HELD ON MARCH 9, 2026 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING.

PRESENT:

Hon. Eduardo R. Omega	SB Member
Hon. Jullian Marc A. Batiancela	SB Member
Hon. Ralph Anthony George D. Martinez	SB Member
Hon. Noel G. Eamiguel	SB Member
Hon. Ester P. Lubiano	SB Member
Hon. Julia E. Halichic	SB Member
Hon. Ben Leo C. Ruña	SB Member
Hon. Alfredo M. Casas	Liga ng mga Barangay Pres.
Hon. Carl Ernest D. Ponce	SK Federation President

ON LEAVE:

Hon. Eugenio A. Ching, Jr.	SB Member
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OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR:

Hon. Anna Love Veloso-Laurente	Presiding Officer
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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-002

LOCALIZED CLASS SUSPENSION EMPOWERMENT ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALUBIAN, LEYTE

INTRODUCED BY: COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

HON. JULLIAN MARC A. BATIANCELA
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WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates every local government unit to ensure and support programs promoting health, safety, and public welfare, particularly in times of disaster and emergency;

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DepEd), pursuant to DepEd Order No. 37, s. 2022 as amended by DepEd Order No. 022, s. 2024 dated December 23, 2024, institutionalizes automatic class cancellations based on typhoon warning signals, rainfall intensity advisories,

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flood warnings, earthquake intensity ratings, and other hazard triggers, and authorizes School Heads to act independently in suspending classes under such conditions;

WHEREAS, localized and community-based decision-making by School Heads and Punong Barangays enables faster, context-aware responses to hazards, reducing delays and protecting lives more effectively;

WHEREAS, the topography and vulnerability of several barangays within the Municipality of Calubian, Leyte necessitate immediate and autonomous responses to sudden hazards, such as flooding, landslides, and earthquakes, especially those situated near the Philippine Fault Line, which threaten classroom safety;

WHEREAS, empowering School Heads and Punong Barangays to declare localized class suspensions fosters accountability, strengthens disaster preparedness, and promotes a culture of safety in both school and barangay communities;

WHEREAS, in recognizing the decentralized nature of hazard response and respecting the autonomy of educational institutions and barangays, the Municipality of Calubian, Leyte reaffirms its commitment to collaborative governance, proactive risk management, and localized resilience building;

NOW, THEREFORE

On motion of Hon. Jullian Marc A. Batiancela, duly seconded by Hon. Ralph Anthony George D. Martinez, and the Majority of the SB Members present;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF CALUBIAN, LEYTE, in a session assembled, **THAT:**

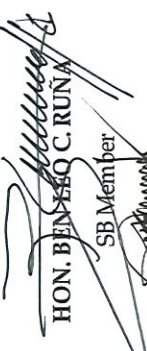
SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the "Localized Class Suspension Empowerment Ordinance of the Municipality of Calubian, Leyte."


SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Calubian, Leyte, to prioritize the safety of learners, educators, and school personnel by institutionalizing proactive, community-led class suspensions based on clear and automatic hazard triggers. The Local Government shall uphold decentralized decision-making in alignment with RA 7160 and DepEd Order No. 37, s. 2022, as amended by Department of Education Order No. 022, s. 2024 dated December 23, 2024.


SECTION 3. COVERAGE. This ordinance applies to all public and private schools, including Alternative Learning System (ALS) centers, and all barangays within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Calubian, Leyte.


SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms are defined:

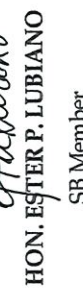
- a. **Automatic Triggers** refers to specific, measurable conditions related to natural hazards or emergencies that, when met, automatically authorize the suspension of classes.
- b. **CLASS Suspension** refers to the temporary cessation of in-person or online learning activities in schools and learning centers.
- c. **PAGASA** refers to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration.



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- d. **PEIS** refers to the PHIVOLCS Earthquake Intensity Scale.
- e. **PHIVOLCS** refers to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology.
- f. **Punong Barangay** refer to the elected head of a barangay, also known as Barangay Chairperson.
- g. **School Head:** The principal or administrator of any public or private school or learning center.
- h. **TCWS** refers to the Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal.

SECTION 5. GROUNDS/TRIGGERS FOR AUTOMATIC CLASS SUSPENSION. The following are possible reasons for the suspension of classes and/or work in schools:

a. TYPHOONS AND TROPICAL CYCLONES

The suspension of classes due to typhoons and tropical cyclones will follow PAGASA's Tropical Cyclone Wind Signals (TCWS) and Executive Order No. 66, s. 2012.

PAGASA TCWS	Suspension
TCWS 1	Classes for Kindergarten in the affected area shall be automatically suspended
TCWS 2	Face to face Classes for Kindergarten and Elementary to Junior High School (JHS) or Grade 10 in the affected area shall be automatically suspended; provided that Elementary and JHS will shift to modular distance learning, performance tasks, projects, or make-up classes based on their Learning and Service Continuity Plan (LSCP) to ensure that learning competencies are met.
TCWS 3 or above	Classes and work in all levels in the affected area shall be automatically suspended.


If the TCWS is issued at a time when classes have already begun, the school shall immediately suspend the classes and work and send everyone home, if it is safe to do so. However, schools are obligated to keep the students and personnel safe in school if traveling has become unsafe.

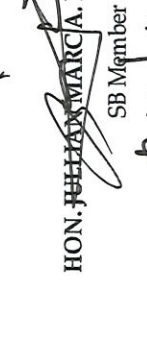
b. HEAVY RAINFALL AND FLOOD


Suspension of classes for heavy rainfall will depend on the Rainfall Warning by the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA).


PAGASA Rainfall or Flooding Warning	Suspension
Yellow Warning (Rainfall) Alarm Water Level (Flooding)	For areas in the province/ city/ municipality with torrential rains/ flooding and based on the assessment of the school, the learners and personnel are still exposed to various risks, the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) shall coordinate with the local government unit (LGU) for localized school suspensions. The Local Chief Executive(LCE) shall decide on the suspension of face to face classes, and

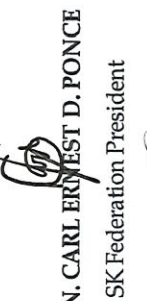

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	work in schools, provided that schools will shift to modular distance learning, performance tasks, projects, or make-up classes based on their LSCP to ensure that learning competencies are met.
Orange or Red Warning (Rainfall) and Critical Water Level (Flooding) at a time when classes have already begun for the day	The school head shall immediately suspend classes and work from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and ALS and send everyone home if it is safe to do so. However, schools are obligated to keep the learners and personnel safely in school if traveling has become unsafe.
Orange or Red Warning and Critical Water Level (Flooding) at a time when classes have not yet started for the day	Classes and work from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and ALS are automatically suspended in schools.



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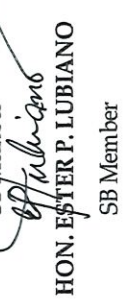

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c. EARTHQUAKES


Suspension of classes and work due to earthquakes will depend on the earthquake intensity as reported by the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS).


PHIVOLCS Intensity	Suspension
V and below	The LCE shall decide on the suspension of face to face classes and work. For localized school suspensions, the SDS shall coordinate with the LGUs, provided that schools will shift to modular distance learning, performance tasks, projects, or make-up classes based on their LSCP to ensure that learning competencies are met.
VI and above	Classes and work in all levels are automatically suspended in all public schools, including ALS. In cases where an earthquake happens while learners are in school, safety procedures shall initially be undertaken, before sending everyone home. However, schools are obligated to keep the learners and personnel safely in school if traveling has become unsafe.


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If an earthquake of Intensity VI or higher occurs, the school head shall request from competent authorities (Department of Public Works and Highways [DPWH], local building officials, division engineers, and other competent professionals) to assess the school buildings before allowing students and personnel to return.


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d. POWER OUTAGES/POWER INTERRUPTIONS/BROWNOUTS

There will be no automatic suspension of classes in the event that there are power outages, interruptions, or brownouts.

e. EXTREME HEAT CONDITION

There will be no automatic suspension of classes due to Extreme Heat Conditions. However, in case of unbearable heat, the LCE may still exercise its authority to facilitate localized class suspension based on the situation in their localities. The SDS shall coordinate with the LGUs for localized school suspensions, provided that schools will shift to modular distance learning, performance tasks, projects, or make-up classes to ensure that learning competencies are met.

f. LOW AIR QUALITY / VOG (VOLCANIC FOG)

Suspension of classes for Low Air Quality and Volcanic Fog will depend on the Particle Matter 2.5 Air Quality Index as reported by the Environment Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Air Quality Index Levels	Suspension
Acutely Unhealthy (Purple) PM 2.5 between 55.1 - 90	The LCE shall decide on the suspension of face to face classes. The SDS shall coordinate with the LGUs for localized school suspensions, provided that schools will shift to modular distance learning, performance tasks, projects, or make-up classes based on their LSCP to ensure that learning competencies are met.
Emergency (Maroon) PM 2.5 >91	Classes and work shall be automatically suspended


g. OTHER EMERGENCIES AND HAZARDS


In cases of other calamities, emergencies, and hazards not enumerated above that may threaten the welfare and safety of learners and school personnel, the school heads, or the district or division ALS coordinator may suspend classes, and work as may be appropriate; provided that there is the necessary coordination with the LCE and SDS.


h. LOCALIZED/GRANULAR SUSPENSIONS

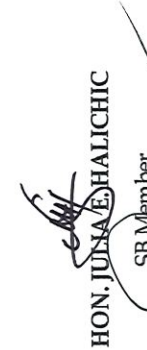
In case there is no automatic suspension of classes and in the absence of a declaration from the LGU, the school heads, or the district or division ALS coordinator, may suspend classes and work in the cases listed below, provided that there is the necessary coordination with the LCE and SDS, and when applicable, schools will shift to modular distance learning, performance tasks, projects, or make-up classes based on their LSCP to ensure that learning competencies are met:


- i. In case of torrential rain, flooding, and risk of landslides and storm surges;
- ii. In case of localized and specific flooding in the area of the school premises; or when flooding affects a large part of the student and personnel population of the school;
- iii. In case of earthquake, at any intensity if in their assessment, the buildings and other structures within their facilities are deemed to be in danger of collapsing or are found to have major damage. The school head shall request from competent authorities (DPWH, local building officials, division



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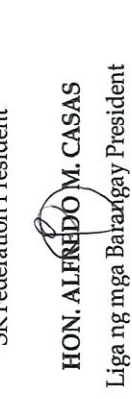

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engineers, and other competent professionals) to assess the school buildings before allowing students and personnel to return;

- iv. In case power outages or interruptions last more than half a school day, making classrooms uncomfortable or unsafe for students and teachers;
- v. In case the temperature in classrooms or learning spaces is not conducive to learning and affects the health and safety of the learners and teachers;
- vi. In case the air quality or vog levels in the area are poor and could harm students' health or hinder learning; and
- vii. In case other calamities, emergencies, and hazards not enumerated above threaten the safety of students and school personnel.

School heads shall immediately notify their respective SDS of the suspension of classes and/or work, including the reason for such suspension.

SECTION 6. AUTHORIZED PERSONS TO DECLARE CLASS SUSPENSION. The following Persons are granted full and independent authority to suspend classes if there are localized threats in their respective schools or barangays, including, but not limited to, landslides, strong winds not covered by TCWS, flash floods, localized fires that endanger school operations or access, earthquakes, or any other immediate threat that makes continued class operation unsafe:

- 1. School Heads or Principals: For their respective schools or learning centers.
- 2. Punong Barangays (Barangay Chairpersons): Within their territorial barangay, in coordination with school officials.

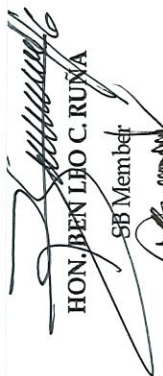
SECTION 7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL HEADS AND PUNONG BARANGAYS. They shall:


- 1. Verify automatic hazard triggers or observe actual hazardous conditions.
- 2. Seek the BDRRMC recommendation as basis for the suspension of classes.
- 3. Notify the public through multiple platforms (text groups, megaphones, school signage, social media).
- 4. Submit a written incident report and suspension declaration to the MDRRM Office and DepEd Division Office within twenty-four (24) hours.
- 5. Initiate coordination with nearby schools, barangays, or DRRM officers in case of wide-scale or clustered hazards.
- 6. Facilitate continuity of learning in line with Section 10.

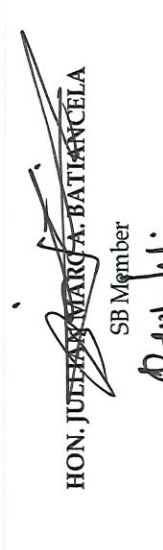
SECTION 8. ROLE OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF CALUBIAN. The Municipal Government of Calubian, Leyte shall:


- 1. Respect and uphold suspension declarations made under this Ordinance.
- 2. Provide real-time hazard advisories, data verification, and technical assistance.
- 3. Activate municipal-wide suspensions when needed and notify affected parties promptly.
- 4. Through the MDRRM Office, maintain a 24/7 monitoring system and response protocol for class-related emergencies.

SECTION 9. CONTINUOUS LEARNING PROVISIONS. In accordance with DepEd guidelines, whenever in-person or online classes are suspended, schools are encouraged to implement alternative learning modalities. This includes modular learning, asynchronous activities, or catch-up learning activities where feasible, to minimize disruption to education.


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SECTION 10. FUNDING AND RESOURCES. Funds necessary to support communication, logistics, and capacity building related to localized class suspensions may be drawn from:

- The MDRRM Fund
- Barangay DRRM Funds

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provision not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force & effect.

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts not consistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY. The Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval, and upon review of the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte.

Approved.

Ordinance No. 2026-002

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution this March 9, 2026 at Calubian, Leyte.

*ATTY. KEISHA YNA VINEE V. RAMIREZ
MGDHJ (Secretary to the Sanggunian)*

ATTESTED BY:

*HON. EDUARDO R. OMEGA
Temporary Presiding Officer*

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APPROVED:

Date: 2026-04-22

*HON. MARCIANO A. BATIANCELA, JR.
Municipal Mayor*



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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-002, entitled: "LOCALIZED CLASS SUSPENSION EMPOWERMENT ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALUBIAN, LEYTE" was posted on the Bulletin Board of the Sangguniang Bayan on April 23, 2026 and other conspicuous places in the Municipality of Calubian, Leyte, and it will remain posted therein for three (3) consecutive weeks.

THIS CERTIFICATION is issued in compliance with ARTICLE 114 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Regulations of Republic Act No. 7160.

ISSUED the 23rd day of April, 2026 at the Municipality of Calubian, Leyte.

Very truly yours,

ATTY. KEISHA YNA VINEE V. RAMIREZ
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