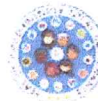




# MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN

## OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR



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### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 026-A, S-2024

#### EXTENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SHORTENED CLASS PROGRAM UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN PRESCHOOL, ELEMENTARY, AND HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS, AND ENCOURAGING HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, PANGASINAN TO ADOPT CLASS ALTERNATIVE MODALITY IN VIEW OF THE PREVAILING HIGH HEAT INDEX

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers 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;

**WHEREAS**, Department of Education (DepEd) issues DO No. 037, s. 2022 "Guidelines on the Cancellation of Classes and Work in Schools in the Event of Natural Disasters, Power Outages/Power Interruptions, and other Calamities" to ensure safety and protection of learners and personnel from unnecessary physical dangers and health and safety risks;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical Astronomical Service Administration (DOST-PAGASA) reported and forecasted heat index—a measure of the contribution that high humidity makes to abnormally high temperatures in reducing the body's ability to cool itself—ranging from 45-51 degrees Celsius in Dagupan City on April 27 to May 2, 2024, which is considered "dangerous" levels of heat and may cause exhaustion and heat cramps, with the possibility of heat stroke for individuals with high and continued exposure;

**WHEREAS**, DepEd Pangasinan Division II has greenlighted the shift to blended modality of in-person and modular mode of instruction due to the reported high temperature that results to poor learning environment, in consultation with the District Offices and school heads during the Local School Board meeting on April 30, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, Pangasinan State University (PSU) issued Memorandum No. 040, s. 2024 to implement a short-term, home-based synchronous online classes on April 19-30, 2024 to minimize health risks brought about by prevailing high heat index;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Engr. CARLOS F. LOPEZ, JR., Municipal Mayor of Asingan, Pangasinan, premises considered, by virtue of the powers vested in me and by expressed authority provided for by law to the Local Chief Executive, do hereby extend the implementation of shortened class program until the end of the SY in preschool, elementary, and high school, and encouraging higher educational institutions (HEIs) in the municipality to adopt the same in view of the prevailing high heat index.**

Further, District Supervisors and school heads are delegated the Authority, Responsibility, and Accountability (ARA) to uphold comprehensive educational engagement while ensuring the health and safety of all learners and school personnel. In the event that the heat index exceeds 41 degrees Celsius, school authorities are empowered to consider transitioning to online or modular classes. Provided, that modular distance learning, performance tasks, projects, or makeup classes shall be implemented to ensure that learning competencies and objectives are still met.

Private schools are given the discretion to decide and implement their schedule and modality they see fit with utmost consideration of their learner and personnel safety and wellbeing.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Let copies hereof be furnished to all concerned for information, reference, and guidance.

**DONE** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024 in the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan.

Engr. CARLOS F. LOPEZ, JR.  
Municipal Mayor