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Respectfully forwarded to the Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of La Union, the herein attached MUN. ORDINANCE NO. 01 S. 2020 - **AN ORDINANCE SAFEGUARDING ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN AGAINST ALL FORMS OF BULLYING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAOAN, LA UNION.**, for their information and appropriate action.

  
**RALEIGH P. DOMONDON**  
Secretary to the SB



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Excerpts from the Minutes of the Weekly Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan held on January 03, 2020 at the SB Session Hall.

Present: HON. CARLO CASTOR U. CONCEPCION - Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer  
HON. JOANNA KATRINA L. LEDDA - Sangguniang Bayan Member  
HON. ROGELIO O. CONCEPCION - Sangguniang Bayan Member  
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HON. ZHOREN ELRICK R. ORDINARIO - SKMF President

Absent: HON. AMIEL JOHN U. CONCEPCION - ABC President

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 01 S. 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE SAFEGUARDING ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN AGAINST ALL FORMS OF BULLYING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAOAN, LA UNION.**

Sponsored by: SBM Joanna Katrina L. Ledda  
Co-Sponsor: SBM Herminia M. Ordinario

**WHEREAS**, Section 6.h of Municipal Ordinance No. 45 s. 2018 or the Municipal Child Welfare Code of the Municipality of Balaoan of 2018 provides that every child has the right to protection against exploitation, improper influences, hazards, and other conditions or circumstances prejudicial to his physical, mental, emotional, social and moral development;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10627 or the Anti-Bullying Act of 2013 requires all elementary and secondary schools to adopt policies to prevent and address the acts of bullying in their institutions and for this purpose it has mandated under Section 7 thereof that the DepEd shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) to implement this Act.

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Ordinance No. 45 S. 2018 provides under Section 6.j that every child has the right to the care, assistance and protection of the Municipality of Balaoan, La Union particularly when his parents or guardians fail or unable to provide him with fundamental needs for growth, development, and improvement;

**WHEREAS**, in order to see to it that the implementation of RA 10627 and its IRR is strictly adhered to by elementary and secondary schools in the municipality and ensure the protection of our pupils and students against bullying of any kind, there is a need to enact an Ordinance that will see to it that the rules and regulations already set down



by the DepEd are observed and that every pupil and student under their ward are well safeguarded.

**NOW THEREFORE,** Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Balaoan, in regular session assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE** - This Ordinance shall be known as **"ANTI-BULLYING ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAOAN"**.

**SECTION 2. SCOPE AND COVERAGE** - This Ordinance shall apply to all public and private elementary and secondary schools including their school personnel, elementary and secondary school pupils/students, parents or guardians and all others concerned.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS** - as used in this Ordinance the following terms shall be defined as:

a. **"Bullying"** refers to any severe, or repeated use by one or more students of a written, verbal or electronic expression, or a physical act or gesture, or any combination thereof, directed at another student that has the effect of actually causing or placing the latter in reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm or damage to his property; creating a hostile environment at school for the other student; infringing on the rights of another student at school; or materially and substantially disrupting the education process or the orderly operation of a school; such as, but not limited to, the following:

1. Any unwanted physical contact between the bully and the victim like punching, pushing, shoving, kicking, slapping, tickling, headlocks, inflicting school pranks, teasing, fighting and the use of available objects as weapons;
2. Any act that causes damage to a victim's psyche and/or emotional well-being;
3. Any slanderous statement or accusation that causes the victim undue emotional distress like directing foul language or profanity at the target, name-calling, tormenting and commenting negatively on victim's looks, clothes and body;
4. **"Cyber- bullying"** or any bullying done through the use of technology or any electronic means. The term shall also include any conduct resulting to harassment, intimidation, or humiliation, through the use of other forms of technology, such as, but not limited to texting, email, instant messaging, chatting, internet, social media, online games, or other platforms or formats as defined in DepED Order No. 40, s. 2012; and
5. Any other form of bullying as may be provided in the school's child protection or anti-bullying policy, consistent with the Act and this IRR.

a.1. The term **"bullying"** shall also include:

1. **"Social bullying"** – refers to any deliberate, repetitive and aggressive social behavior intended to hurt others or to belittle another individual or group.
2. **"Gender-based bullying"** – refers to any act that humiliates or excludes a person on the basis of perceived or actual sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI).



b. **"Bully"** – refers to any student who commits acts of bullying as defined by R.A. 10627.

c. **"Student"** – refers to a person who attends classes in any level of basic education, and includes a pupil or learner as defined in DepED Order No. 40, s. 2012.

**SECTION 4. PROHIBITED ACTS** – Consistent with Section 3 of R.A. 10627 and Section 5 of its IRR, acts of bullying shall be prohibited:

1. At the following :

a. school grounds;

b. property immediately adjacent to school grounds;

c. school-sponsored or school-related activities, functions or programs whether on or off school grounds;

2. Through the use of technology or an electronic device or other forms of media owned, leased or used by a school.

3. At a location, activity, function or program that is not school-related and through the use of technology or an electronic device or other forms of media that is not owned, leased or used by a school; and

4. As a form of retaliation against a person who reports bullying, who provides information during an investigation of bullying, or who is a witness to or has reliable information about bullying.

**SECTION 5. DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ANTI-BULLYING POLICY** – The Municipal Government through the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) shall work with the Child Protection Committees of the DepEd established under Department Order No. 40 s. 2012 for the development of a comprehensive program to address the problems on bullying in all elementary and secondary public and private schools within the municipality that would include policies on:

A. **Prevention Programs**- These programs shall be comprehensive and multi-faceted which shall be applicable to all students regardless of the level of risk or vulnerability.

B. **Intervention Programs** -These programs aim to promote the continuity of comprehensive anti-bullying policies.

C. **Disciplinary Measures** - shall include a range of disciplinary administrative actions that may be taken against the perpetrator of bullying or retaliation. Bullying incidents or retaliation shall be treated according to their nature, gravity or severity and attendant circumstances taking into account the following:

1. The nature, gravity or severity, previous incidents of bullying or retaliation and attendant circumstances, may impose reasonable disciplinary measures on the bully or offending student that should be proportionate to the act committed.

2. Imposition of written reprimand, community service, suspension, exclusion or expulsion, in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the school or of the Department for public schools, if the circumstances



warrant the imposition of such penalty, provided that the requirements of due process are complied with.

3. The need to undergo an intervention program for the bully with his/her parents if need be.

**SECTION 6. ROLE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (MCPC)**- The MCPC, whose powers and composition are defined under the Municipal Child Code, shall include among its functions the adoption of policies and the implementation of programs against bullying in close coordination with the different public and private schools in the municipality and the law enforcement agencies. All policies and actions of the MCPC as regards anti-bullying shall be submitted to the Municipal Mayor for approval prior to their implementation.

**SECTION 7. CONFIDENTIALITY** - Any information relating to the identity and personal circumstances of the bully, victim, or bystander shall be treated with utmost confidentiality by the Child Protection Committee and the school personnel, provided, that the names may only be available to the school head or administrator, teacher or guidance counselor designated by the school head, and parents or guardians of students who are or have been victims of bullying or retaliation.

Any school personnel who commits a breach of confidentiality shall be subject to appropriate administrative disciplinary action in accordance with the existing rules and regulations of the Department of Education or the private school, without prejudice to any civil or criminal action.

**SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE** - All ordinances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby modified, amended or repealed accordingly.

**SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY** - This Ordinance shall take effect after posting and publication as provided for under the Local Government Code.

**"UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED."**

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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ATTESTED:

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