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**The Honorable**  
**Congresswoman KIMI S. COJUANGCO**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Basic Education and Culture  
RVM Building, House of Representatives  
Quezon City

Dear **Congresswoman Cojuangco**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports **House Bill No. 364** entitled, "*An Act Providing for Free Breakfast Program for Public School Children in Day Care Centers, Preschools and Elementary Schools in the Country and Appropriating Funds Therefor,*" introduced by **Hon. Congressman Raul V. Del Mar** and **House Bill No. 680** or the "*National School Feeding Program of the Philippines,*" introduced by **Hon. Congressman George P. Arnaiz**.

In line with this, may we recommend the following for your consideration:

**A. For HB Nos. 364 and 680**

1. The proposed measures can be merged which will improve the academic performance of public school children in Day Care Centers (DCCs), Pre-school, and Elementary.

**B. For HB No. 680**

1. The program menu should be designed by the DepEd particularly for children in the public Pre-school and Elementary; and DSWD for children in DCCs having the Supplementary Feeding Program.

Relative thereto, with the approval of Republic Act 10410 or the "*Early Years Act (EYA) of 2013,*" the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Council shall lead in the implementation, monitoring, and assessment of services for children from age zero (0) to four (4) years nationwide.

**2. On Section 8 – Procurement and Storage of Food Supplies**

The procurement and storage of food supplies should be provincial/municipal-based to ensure freshness and accessibility of supplies to the public schools and also minimize expense for transport and hauling.

3. **On Section 11 - Priority Areas**, to include set **criteria for the selection/screening of priority areas** as well as the **identification of the target beneficiaries**.
4. To include **provision for the reporting** on the actual monitoring and validation of the implementation of the program. Thus, the involvement of the parents thru PTAs/Parent Committees should be clearly indicated from the different stages of planning, implementation, monitoring, validation, and assessment.
5. To include provision of **submission of reports** on the actual status of the program on a quarterly basis to address the concerns as well as to assess the impact of the program.
6. **On Section 12 - Appropriations**, to clearly specify the budget allocations for micronutrient supplements such as vitamin C, vitamin B Complex, zinc and iron needed by the public school children.

On this, the LGU shall provide counterpart fund for the program implementation within their jurisdiction.

7. To include **Section for the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)** which will specify the lead agency which should be led by the Department of Education (DepEd) who has the control and mechanism with the public schools. Likewise, the specific roles and functions of the concerned agencies such as, the NNC, DA, DOH, DSWD, DILG, and LGUs should be clearly stipulated for the implementation, monitoring, and validation of the program.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
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Secretary