

Republic of the Philippines
City of Davao
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____
Series of 2009

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 5213 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION
FOR EDUCATORS IN BASIC EDUCATION”**

WHEREAS, teachers’ conditions have not quite improved over time; teachers are still seen selling all sort of stuff in the premises of the school;

WHEREAS, most of them probably go into another job after their teaching schedule if only to “make both ends meet” in an economic environment characterized by high prices;

WHEREAS, for millions of Filipinos, education is the only means out of poverty and our public school teachers and non-teaching personnel of the Department of Education are the backbone of our education system, yet, they are one of the most underpaid employees of the government, despite the extensive time that they must spend to perform their jobs;

WHEREAS, teachers’ low compensation and morale have forced many to work even as domestic helpers in other countries;

WHEREAS, it is so sad that many of our good teachers had to leave the country because they cannot have decent salary here, the PPSTA said in a statement;

WHEREAS, concern with these conditions, the Philippines Senate already approved its own version of the Senate Bill as early as June 11, 2008 granting P9,000 salary increase for public school teachers;

WHEREAS, just recently House Bill 5213, which had been approved in its entirety on third and final reading also proposed legislated wage hike for public teachers which was described as a measure that would accord equal basic pay and benefits for teachers;

WHEREAS, HB 5213, otherwise known as the “Additional Support and Compensation for Educators in basic Education,” seeks to grant an addition monthly compensation of P9,000 to the existing salary of teaching and non-teaching personnel;

WHEREAS, the amount will be payable in three equal tranches; P3,000 per month in the year; additional P3,000 in the second year and another additional P3,000 per month in the third year;

WHEREAS, public school teachers may not have the firepower of the police and the military to challenge the stability of the government, but the stability of the future of our country lies in the hands of our public school teachers;

WHEREAS, we urge the members of the House of Representative to work on the speedy passage of House Bill 5213 otherwise known as the “Additional Support and Compensation for Educators in Basic Education” and upgrade the salary of public school teachers starting next school year;

WHEREAS, we throw in our full support of this House Bill knowing that it will ultimate
redound to the improvement of the conditions our public school teachers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this Body
supports the passage of House Bill 5213 calling for the “Additional Support and
Compensation for Educators in Basic Education”;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished the House of
Representatives for their information.

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