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P.S. Resolution No. 266

Introduced by: Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" A. Aquino IV

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATE OF THE
REHABILITATION AND RELIEF EFFORTS IN SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY TYPHOON
NINA**

WHEREAS, last 23 December 2016 at 3:00 am, Typhoon Nina (international name: Nock-ten) entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) as reported by PAGASA. Typhoon Nina then made a landfall in Catanduanes at 6:30 pm, 25 December 2016, leaving thousands of families homeless on Christmas day;¹

WHEREAS, based on media reports, a total of 1,046 schools were reported with infrastructure damage; 1,548 totally destroyed classrooms and 3,797 partially major damaged classrooms in Regions IV-A, IV-B and V. Region V incurred the most damages, with 1,237 and 2,948 classrooms totally and partially damaged, respectively. For the non-infrastructure damage, the initial report showed that there were a total of 63,232 damaged units of school furniture; 386,689 damaged units of learning resources and 384 schools with damaged computers;²

WHEREAS, thousands of learners were affected due to the change in the schedule of classes caused by the devastation of the typhoon. The disruption in classes will last for six months, as estimated by the Department of Education (DepEd);

WHEREAS, the Quick Response Fund (QRF) is a standby fund used for the government's rehabilitation and relief programs and projects, including prepositioning of relief and equipment, in areas hit by calamities, epidemics and catastrophes;

WHEREAS, it was reported that DepEd has requested the reinstatement of its QRF as an essential mechanism to proceed and fast track the necessary repairs and

¹ <http://www.rappler.com/nation/special-coverage/weather-alert/156594-20161225-typhoon-nina-landfall-catanduanes>

² DepEd presentation:
https://docs.google.com/accounts?authuser=1&continueUrl=https://docs.google.com/presentation/u/1/d/1zAL2Khgt8vqJa4oHBfZBP1MOz3oJXkfo3VYbkH_P2Zg/edit?usp%3Ddrive_web

reconstruction of damaged school buildings and classrooms. DepEd's 2017 QRF has been removed and the remaining QRF for 2017 has already been utilized;³

WHEREAS, despite the lack of the QRF, local government units (LGUs), NGOs and the private sector are all coordinating with and assisting DepEd in the delivery of buffer stocks for learning resources;⁴

WHEREAS, preparedness and long-term solutions are needed to mitigate the effects of typhoons and natural hazards to students and learners. Some of these solutions include the early allotment of funds for cleanup and temporary learning services, having a buffer stock of furniture and computers and prepositioning the buffer stocks in disaster-prone areas;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Philippine Senate to direct the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the state of the rehabilitation and relief efforts in schools affected by Typhoon Nina.

Adopted,



³ <http://news.pia.gov.ph/article/view/1141484312755/depd-ensures-learning-continuity-after-typhoon-nina->

⁴ <http://www.manilametro.com/index.php/sid/250907503>