

COCOPEA STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR K-12

THE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (COCOPEA) SUPPORTS THE INITIATIVE OF THE LEGISLATURE TO PASS ONE OF THE PRIORITY BILLS OF H.E. PRESIDENT BENIGNO S. AQUINO III ON EDUCATION, **“THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2012” OR THE K-12 BILL**, ADDING TWO YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL IN THE BASIC EDUCATION CYCLE.

COCOPEA is the unifying voice of private education in the Philippines with more than 2,000 member institutions and is made up of five educational associations: Association of Christian Schools, Colleges, and Universities (ACSCU); Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP); Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU); Philippine Association of Private Schools, Colleges, and Universities (PAPSCU); and the Technical-Vocational School Associations of the Philippines (TEVSAPHIL).

We thank our Congressmen and Senators responsible for their respective consolidated drafts.

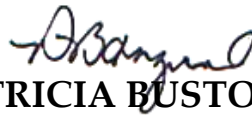
We strongly believe that our country urgently needs this major reform in our basic education system that would develop responsible and productive citizens equipped with the ESSENTIAL 21ST CENTURY COMPETENCIES, SKILLS, and VALUES for life-long learning and employment. We need to raise the overall quality of education starting with the passage of K-12.

We believe that our country must catch up with the rest of the world in terms of basic education to make our graduates not only GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE but RECOGNIZED as PROFESSIONALS in the international community. Already, we are being left behind.

WE, THEREFORE, URGE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO HASTEN THE PASSAGE INTO LAW OF “THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2012” OR THE K-12 BILL.



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