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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



Introduced by HON. LORNA P. BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In consonance and in accordance with the stipulations stated therein at the Department of Education Order No. 40, S. 2014, dated August 24, 2014, the following conditions are hereby taken vis-a-vis this Bill that seeks to establish the Datu Danwata Elementary School-Agik-ik Extension into Agik-ik Elementary School. Conditions in said department order include (a) there are no schools offering complete basic education within the catchment area; (b) the number of elementary graduates does not warrant the establishment of a separate elementary school; (c) there are not enough items for teachers and school heads that would justify the establishment of separate elementary and secondary schools; (d) there is difficulty in acquiring a school site of the elementary school; (e) there are inadequate equipment and resources to support the operation of separate elementary and secondary schools; and (f) the elementary schools has excess classrooms of at least four (4) and seven (7) to accommodate high school/elementary enrollees, respectively. Presence of any three of the stipulations given shows that a separate school can thus be established.

Stipulation "a" is very much present because there are no schools offering complete basic education within the catchment area; stipulation "b" shows that there is a enough number of graduates, a total f 168 in Datu Danwata Elementary School—Agik-ik Extension which means that there is a pressing need to establish the Agik-ik Elementary School; stipulation "c" states there are only four teachers in Datu Danwata Elementary School—Agik-ik Extension, hence the need to establish a new school in Sitio Agik-ik; stipulation "d" requires a school site; but his has been solved when a parent donated a parcel of land from which the school can be constructed; stipulation "e" can well be satisfied because there are available equipments and resources which when utilized in one site/avenue can well provide the requirements in the established school; and stipulation "f" made the local PTA to

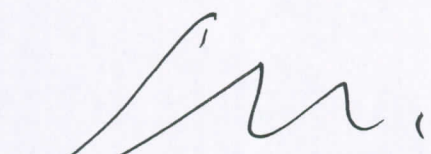
commit in the construction of additional (1) classroom, which Mayor Bradley Bautista has also promised to give funding for the construction of another.

The topography of Sitio Agik-ik is characterized by rolling hills and the Datu Danwata Elementary School-Agik-ik Extension is about one to two hours away from the main elementary School in Barangay Datu Danwata Elementary School, which is located in Barangay Danwata, Malita, Davao Occidental. The distance of the school extension hinders most of the pupils in pursuing the next higher levels in their education.

In RA 9155 the establishment of schools is encouraged to provide complete basic education to students in remote areas. It is required that there should be at least 90 students in order for a school to start operation. In Academic Year 2017-2018, the extension school of Datu Danwata has 168 enrollees. If the enrolment trend continues, it is expected that some 90 students will be added to the present number of enrollees in each of the succeeding school year. Thus, it is feasible to establish a separate elementary school.

There are various resolutions, supported by the Local Government Units, from the school's different stakeholders. Apart from satisfying the stipulations in Department Order No. 40, s. 2014, the critical need for the establishment of the Agik-ik Elementary School. Thus, it can be surmised then that the establishment of Agik-ik Elementary School is both feasible and realistic.

It is because of the above reasons that the passage of this Bill is highly recommended.



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AN ACT CONVERTING THE DATU DANWATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – AGIK-IK EXTENSION IN BARANGAY DATU DANWATA, MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL INTO AN INDEPENDENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS AGIK-IK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

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2 **SEC. 1.** The Datu Danwata Elementary School – Agik-ik Extension in Barangay
3 Datu Danwata, Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental, is hereby
4 converted into an independent elementary school to be known as the Agik-ik
5 Elementary School.

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7 **SEC. 2.** All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Datu Danwata
8 Elementary School – Agik-ik Extension are hereby transferred and absorbed by the
9 Agik-ik Elementary School.

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11 **SEC. 2.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the
12 Department's program the operationalization of the Agik-ik Elementary School, the
13 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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15 **SEC. 3.** Within one hundred twenty (120) days from the approval of this Act, the
16 Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the
17 provisions of this Act.

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19 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
20 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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22 *Approved,*