

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4036



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Introduced by Representative **TYRONE D AGABAS**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish an elementary school in Barangay Don Justo Abalos, Municipality of Umingan, Province of Pangasinan, to be known as Don Justo Abalos Elementary School.


Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that the "State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all." In the same vein, the Constitution mandates the State to establish and maintain a system of education in elementary and high school levels, elementary education being compulsory for all children of school age (Section 2 (2), Article XIV, 1987 Constitution).

Don Justo Abalos is a remote barangay in the Municipality of Umingan, Province of Pangasinan with no elementary school of its own. It is located east of the Banila River, a major river which separates Don Justo Abalos from the rest of downtown barangays. During rainy days, children who are interested to gain formal education brave to cross the river through the makeshift hanging bridge built across the river just to reach Don Montano, the nearest barangay offering public elementary education. An incident already took place when a student fatally fell from the said hanging bridge.

The proposed elementary school is fully qualified to have its own elementary school. In keeping with the State's mandate to provide and maintain free education system to elementary students, elementary

education being compulsory to children of school age, it is but fitting to create a new elementary school in Don Justo Abalos, Umingan, Pangasinan.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DON**  
**JUSTO ABALOS, MUNICIPALITY OF UMINGAN, PROVINCE OF**  
**PANGASINAN TO BE KNOWN AS DON JUSTO ABALOS**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERFOR**

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

1       SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision  
2       of the Department of Education, an elementary school in  
3       Barangay Don Justo Abalos, Municipality of Umingan, Province  
4       of Pangasinan.

5       SEC 2. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in  
6       the Department's program the operationalization of the Don  
7       Justo Elementary School, the funding of which shall be  
8       included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

9       SEC 3. The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and  
10      regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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

14      Approved,