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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5327



Introduced by HON. LORNA P. BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN

In Barangay Danwata at the Municipality of Malita in the Province of Davao Occidental the Office of the Sangguniang Barangay has passed Resolution No. 011 Series of 2018 that support the establishment of the Datu Danwata Elementary School – Balis Extension into a new public elementary school to be known as Balis Elementary School (BES).

Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2014 dated August 24, 2014, there were stipulations that need to be complied with (at least three of them) that will satisfy the requirement for the establishment of an independent elementary school. For this particular Bill, this representation tallied the stipulations with the existing conditions that will merit such a move.

In terms of distance, Datu Danwata Elementary School – TFS of Balis Extension is situated away from the nearest elementary school in Barangay Datu Danwata, in the Municipality of Malita, Davao Occidental. It will take some 2-4 hours walking distance to reach the extension school to the nearest school that offers the next higher level of education. Only those whose residence are proximate to Datu Danwata Elementary School or those who are financially well-off who can afford the expense transportation fare in going to said school were able to avail to study. Hence, the students though willing to pursue their studies are deprived of the opportunity to do so because of the above cited reasons. This compelling reason justifies one of the requirements in the establishment of Balis Elementary School.

Sitio Balis just like the rest of the areas in the Municipality of Malita has a topography that is composed of mostly rolling hills. Very few portions of the site are suitable for the establishment of a separate school. There is, however, one parent who has expressed the willingness to donate a parcel of land where the school can be built. This is a second among the stipulations under DepEd No. 40, s 2014 that is complied with.

As to the number of students in the Academic Year 2018-2018 the Datu Danwata Elementary School-TFS of Balis Extension has had 124 students. Based on the enrollment trends, it is highly feasible that said school can very well come up with 90 enrollees. The establishment of a separate elementary school, which if approved can be named as Balis Elementary School, is highly needed.

The Philippine Constitution, particularly, Article 14 of the states 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. Provide adult citizens, the disabled, and out-of-school youth with training in civics, vocational efficiency and other skills."

Approval of this Bill is highly recommended.



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

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

SEC. 1. The Datu Danwata Elementary School - TFS of Balis Extension in Barangay Datu Danwata, Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental, is hereby converted into an independent elementary school to be known as the Balis Elementary School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Datu Danwata Elementary School - TFS of Balis Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Balis Elementary School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Balis Elementary School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act

SEC. 4. Within one hundred twenty (120) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,