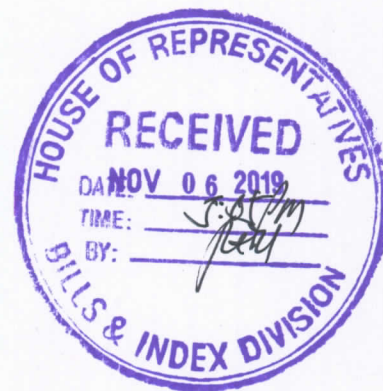


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HOUSE BILL NO. 5363



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Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9155 states that "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality basic education and to make such education accessible to all by providing all Filipino children a free and compulsory education in the high school level."

Barangay Nueva Villa is one of the (15) fifteen barangays in the Municipality of Don Marcelino. It has a total population of 1,905 (2015 est.). Residents of the barangay is made up of the predominantly B'laan tribe whose main occupation is farming. It has one elementary school that produces some 60 graduates every academic year. It is supplemented by a feeder school that has some 30 graduates a year. It is expected that enrollees from the elementary schools in the barangay will be not less than 200 per year starting from AY 2017-2018. Students coming from the five feeder schools presented in Nueva Villa will more than rationalize the establishment of a national high school in the area. The barangay has no existing high school.

The nearest high school is the Lawa National High School (LNHS) in Barangay Lawa, in Don Marcelino. It can be reached for more than thirty minutes by *habal-habal* or by walking for one hour the eight kilometer distance. For the indigent B'laans, paying Five hundred pesos (P500.00) is too much for them to shoulder, considering that they can hardly earn enough monthly income to take care of their basic needs. Another high school is Don Marcelino National High School (DMNHS) which is located in Barangay Talagutong, Don Marcelino and is some 15 kilometers away from Barangay Nueva Villa.

Having a high school in Nueva Villa will provide the students coming from the hinterland-most part of the municipality the opportunity to pursue secondary education. It is to the credit of the Department of Education that it has the mission to reach the unreachable and bring education nearer to those in the peripheral areas to fulfill the education agenda for all the Filipino citizens. Ms. Ethelinda Villanueva Quiñones, a resident of Nueva Villa, has donated a 10,000 square meters of land for the purpose.

There is a private school participating in the Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education (GATSPE) and Educational Counterpart (ESC) but it is 28 kilometers away from Nueva Villa. It is almost an impossible feat for the B'laans to send their children to this school because of the exorbitant financial requirements which they cannot comply with.

For the sake of this tribe's educational attainment, it is highly recommended that this Bill be approved soonest.



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AN ACT SEPARATING THE LAWA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – NUEVA VILLA EXTENSION IN BARANGAY LAWA, MUNICIPALITY OF DON MARCELINO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM LAWA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CORONA A. CABANILLA NATIONAL HIGH 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 Lawa National High School – Nueva Villa Extension in Barangay Lawa,
3 Municipality of Don Marcelino, Province of Davao Occidental is hereby separated from Lawa
4 National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as
5 the Corona A. Cabanilla National High School.
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7 **SEC. 2.** All personnel, assets and liabilities and records of the Lawa National High
8 School –Nueva Villa Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the by the Corona A.
9 Cabanilla National High School.
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11 **SEC. 3** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's
12 program the operationalization of the Corona A. Cabanilla National High School, the initial
13 funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Lawa National
14 High School – Nueva Villa Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued
15 operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act
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17 **SEC. 3.** Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the
18 Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of
19 this Act.
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21 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
22 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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24 *Approved,*