

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. **2759**



Introduced by Representative EDGAR R. ERICE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the existing Grace Park Elementary School-Main located in Barangay 52, Caloocan City, Metro Manila into an integrated school to be known and named as Grace Park Integrated School.

The rights of the Filipinos to accessible and quality education is well-enshrined in the Philippine Constitution. It is the policy of the state to give priority to education (Article II, Section 1), protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education *at all levels*, and take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all (Article XIV, Section 1).

As of July 2016, Grace Park Elementary School-Main caters to 2,393 students, who, come graduation day, will have to find other schools offering secondary education to which they can transfer. It should be emphasized, however, that the nearest public high schools (Maypajo High School, Kasarinlan High School and Caloocan High School) all located in Caloocan City, Metro Manila, are already overcrowded and, thus, it can be reasonably assumed that they cannot accommodate and offer quality education to Grace Park students as absolutely guaranteed under the Constitution.

In view of the foregoing, it is earnestly sought by the undersigned that this bill be enacted and that Grace Park Elementary School-Main be converted into Grace Park Integrated School and for it to be authorized to offer secondary education needed by its students.



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HOUSE BILL NO. 2759

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AN ACT
CONVERTING GRACE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-MAIN INTO AN
INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS GRACE PARK INTEGRATED
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion into an Integrated School.* – That Grace Park Elementary School-Main in Barangay P. Galauran Street, Barangay 52, City of Caloocan, Metro Manila is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Grace Park Integrated School.

SECTION 2. *Transfer of Personnel, Assets, and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of Grace Park Elementary School-Main are hereby transferred to and to be absorbed by Grace Park Integrated School.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department of Education's programs the operation of Grace Park Integrated School, the funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of Grace Park Elementary School and thereafter in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. *Implementation.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately after the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,