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HOUSE BILL NO. 4834



Introduced by HON. LORNA P. BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pursuant to Department Order No. 40, s. 2014, of the Department of Education, stakeholders of the Municipality of Malita in the Province of Davao Occidental are engaged in efforts for the conversion of the TFS of Tambelang Elementary School into the TFS of Tambelang Integrated School. As stated in the said Department Order, conversion of an elementary school to an integrated school to provide complete basic education can be authorized for as long as it complied with three of the following stipulations in the Department Order.

TFS of Tambelang is distant from the Mariano Peralta National High School—Datu Danwata Extension, its neighboring secondary school. The latter is some three to four hours away from the TFS of Tambelang Elementary School. There are no schools offering complete basic education within the catchment area. This very distance hinders most of the graduates of TFS Tambelang Elementary School to pursue the next higher level of education. It only follows that students who are living in areas near Barangay Datu Danwata are the fortunate ones who can take secondary education.

There will be no problem in terms of staff when the TFS Tambelang Integrated School is put into place. As of this writing there are already 15 teachers and a school head up against the required 17 teachers and two school heads. The parties involved in the conversion of the TFS Tambelang Integrated School believes that the minimum number of whatever lacking personnel there could be can be remedied as soon as possible. Thirteen of the teachers who are assigned at the TFS Tambelang Elementary School are qualified secondary school teachers and even with the conversion from an elementary to an integrated school, the problem of staffing will not be a big hurdle.

While there may be some equipment and resources that are lacking to support a separate elementary and integrated school, when placed in only one

venue, said equipment and resources can be used to provide the primary requirements of the school.


As with the other topographical characteristics of the sitios in the Municipality of Malita, Tambelang has rolling terrain and only a few are suitable for the establishment of the school. There is one parent who is willing to donate a piece of land for the expansion of the site; however, it is difficult to find a donor for the establishment of a separate secondary school.

In the school year 2016 -2017, TFS of Tambelang Elementary School has only 86 as its graduates. Back then it is not feasible to open a separate secondary school. Assessment and looking into the near future of trends in the studentry population, the establishment of a separate secondary school is not merited. It is therefore more practical to have TFS Tambelang Elementary School to be converted into the TFS Tambelang Integrated School.

At the moment, TFS Tambelang Elementary School has only six nationally-funded classrooms and one improved makeshift. Additional two classrooms are in drawing board and will soon be implemented. With these additional classroom there will be enough to rationalize the conversion for said school. Present classrooms are equipped with chairs and classroom furnitures. Add to these that teachers deployed at TFS Tambelang Elementary School are in excess of the standard teacher to pupil ration.

The conversion of TFS Tambelang Elementary School to TFS Tambelang Integrated School is strongly supported by the Local Government Units, the local Parent-Teachers Association, students, and other who will benefit from this move.

Approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT CONVERTING THE TFS OF TAMBELANG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DATU DANWATA, MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TFS OF TAMBELANG INTEGRATED 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 TFS of Tambelang Elementary School in Barangay Datu Danwata,
3 Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental is hereby converted into an
4 integrated school to be known as TFS of Tambelang Integrated School.
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6 **SEC. 2.** All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of the TFS of Tambelang
7 Elementary School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the TFS of Tambelang
8 Integrated School.
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10 **SEC. 3** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the
11 Department's program the operationalization of the TFS of Tambelang Integrated
12 School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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14 **SEC. 4.** Within one hundred twenty (120) days from the approval of this Act, the
15 Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the
16 provisions of this Act.
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18 **SEC. 5** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
19 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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21 *Approved,*