

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

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2159**



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*Introduced by Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo and Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo*

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish a national high school in Barangay Upper Sta. Cruz, Municipality of Lala, Lanao del Norte to be known as the Upper Sta. Cruz National High School.

Promoting the right to quality education at all levels is one of the major mandates of the 1987 Constitution. Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that:

*"The State shall protect and promote the rights of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."*

Situated in the outlying area of the Municipality of Lala, the nearest high school is approximately five kilometers away from Barangay Upper Sta. Cruz. The establishment of a national high school within the barangay will help decongest other schools in nearby barangays and more importantly, it will provide better access and opportunity for the students in the area to secure high school education by reducing the distance, time and transportation expenses for our constituents.

Consistent with the aforementioned Constitutional provision and in view of the ever-increasing need for a complete, adequate and integrated system of education, it is imperative to establish and maintain effective school facilities which will give the youth in the locality an opportunity to an improved life through meaningful and accessible education.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**ABDULLAH D. DIMAPORO**  
*Second District, Lanao del Norte*

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**MOHAMAD KHALID Q. DIMAPORO**  
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**AN ACT**

**ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGHSCHOOL IN BARANGAY UPPER STA. CRUZ, MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE UPPER STA. CRUZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Upper Sta. Cruz, Municipality of Lala, Province of Lanao del Norte to be known as Upper Sta. Cruz National High School.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Upper Sta. Cruz National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

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

*Approved,*