

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

**THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session**

HOUSE BILL NO. 2186

Introduced by Hon. Samuel M. Dangwa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Lepanto National High School – Palatong Extension situated at Palatong, Tabio, Mankayan, Benguet was set up in 1992. At that time, it had only One Hundred Forty-Five (145) enrollees for its first and second year classes. Its population gradually increased and offered the complete secondary curriculum until the present. For the past four years, the school had an average annual enrollment of Three Hundred Sixty-two (362) students. Currently, for school year 2004-2005, it has a total of three hundred seventy-nine (379) students. These students who are dependents of farmers and miners come mostly from Barangays Tabio, Sapid and spill over enrollees from the Poblacion area who cannot be accommodated at the Mankayan National High School and at the Main Campus of the Lepanto National High School.

At present, the school has eight (8) permanent teacher items that includes the Head Teacher In-charge, and three (3) Casual Teachers whose meager honorarium of three thousand pesos (P3, 000.00) each per month is being paid by the parents.

Since 1992 Lepanto NHS – Palatong Extension has produced hundreds of graduates who later on proceeded to college and became professionals and useful members of the community. In short, the Palatong Extension has proven its worth as an effective institution of learning for secondary education. It is high time, that it be upgraded to an independent high school. This overdue move will certainly give substance to the pronouncement of President Gloria M. Arroyo that Her administration shall provide Free Education for All as mandated by the Constitution.

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


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**“AN ACT SEPARATING THE LEPANTO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-
PALATONG EXTENSION IN BARANGAY TABIO, MUNICIPALITY OF
MANKAYAN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, FROM THE LEPANTO NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS PALATONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”**

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

1. Section 1. ***Separation and Conversion into National High School.*** The Lepanto
2. National High School- Palatong Extension in Barangay Tabio, Municipality of
3. Mankayan, Province of Benguet is hereby separated from the Lepanto National High
4. School and converted into an independent National High School, to be known as
5. Palatong National High School.
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7. Section 2. ***Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.*** All personnel, assets, liabilities and
8. records of the Lepanto National High School-Palatong Extension are hereby
9. transferred to and absorbed by the Palatong National High School.
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11. Section 3. ***Appropriations.*** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include
12. in the Department's program the operationalization of the Palatong
13. National High School, the funding which shall be included in the Annual
14. General Appropriations Act.
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16. Section 4. ***Implementation.*** The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and
17. regulation as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.
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19. Section 5. ***Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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21. Approved,