

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Diliman, Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2565

Introduced By: **HON. MAURICIO G. DOMOGAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill from the 12th Congress is hereby refiled to convert the Joaquin Smith Annex High School in Baguio City into the Joaquin Smith National High School.

Accessibility of education to every citizen in the barangay level is one of the main vision of the government. For this reason, the Department of Education launched its program of "A high school in the Barangay" under the major umbrella of the Education for All Program.

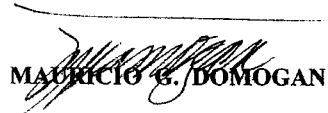
The Baguio City barangay residents of Asin Road, San Luis, Bakakeng Central, Crystal Cave and Upper Irisan and those of the adjacent Tadiangan Barangay under Tuba, Benguet, will surely and greatly benefit with the establishment in their midst of a high school separated from its mother unit.

The Joaquin Smith High School Annex located at Km 5, some six kilometers from Baguio City Hall, became a complete high school in 1995-1996. In that same year, the Baguio City Council through Resolution No. 207, series of 1996, accepted with gratitude a parcel of land containing an area of 12,256 square meters (lot 5 A-255) from the heirs of the original Ibaloi owners, Joaquin and Kenia Smith, said heirs executing a waiver of rights in favor of the city government. This same area is presently being used as the high school site.

The congressional move to separate this high school annex from its mother unit and turn it into a separate and independent national high school has the following objectives and purposes:

1. To decongest the overcrowding classes at the main campus;
2. To have a closer administration and supervision of the school's academic, cultural, and non-academic affairs that will contribute to the better training and performance of students;
3. To have an independent budget that is vital in the operation of the school if that budget is compared to the measly amount presently released from the main mother school;
4. To allow the barangay residents and officials to participate in the work of education of students coming from above said barangays.

In consideration of the foregoing, approval of this bill is highly enjoined.


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‘AN ACT
SEPARATING THE JOAQUIN SMITH HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN
BARANGAY ASIN ROAD, BAGUIO CITY, FROM THE PINES CITY
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE JOAQUIN SMITH
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 a National High School.* The
2 Joaquin Smith High School Annex in Barangay Asin Road, Baguio City, is hereby
3 separated from the Pines City National High School and converted into an independent
4 national high school, to be known as the Joaquin Smith National High School.
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6 Sec. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and
7 records of the Joaquin Smith High School Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed
8 by the Joaquin Smith National High School.
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10 Sec. 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in
11 the Department’s program the operationalization of the Joaquin Smith National High
12 School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year’s
13 appropriations of the Pines City National High School – Joaquin Smith High School
14 Annex, and thereafter in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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16 Sec. 4. *Implementation.* The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and
17 regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.
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19 Sec. 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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