

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
Third Regular Session

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **2414**

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on 24 SEP 2012
Re : **House Bill No. 6580**
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2588.
Sponsors : Representatives Rosenda Ann Ocampo and Ronald M. Cosalan

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture to which was referred House Bill No. 2588 introduced by Rep. Ronald M. Cosalan, entitled:

"AN ACT

SEPARATING THE ALEJO M. PACALSO MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL – LOACAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY LOACAN FROM ITS MOTHER SCHOOL, THE ALEJO M. PACALSO MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TUDING, BOTH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, AND CONVERTING IT INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE "LOACAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL," AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

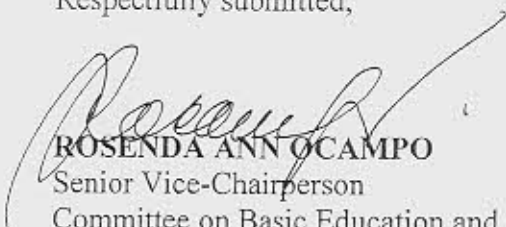
has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. **6580**,
entitled:

"AN ACT

SEPARATING THE ALEJO M. PACALSO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LOACAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY LOACAN, MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON, PROVINCE OF BENGUET FROM THE ALEJO M. PACALSO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LOACAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2588 with Representatives Ronald M. Cosalan and Rosenda Ann Ocampo as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


ROSENDA ANN OCAMPO

Senior Vice-Chairperson

Committee on Basic Education and Culture

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6580
(In substitution of House Bill No. 2588)

Introduced by Representatives Ronald M. Cosalan and Rosenda Ann Ocampo

AN ACT

SEPARATING THE ALEJO M. PACALSO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LOACAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY LOACAN, MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON, PROVINCE OF BENGUET FROM THE ALEJO M. PACALSO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LOACAN 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 Alejo
2 M. Pacalso Memorial National High School – Loacan Annex in Barangay Loacan,
3 Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet is hereby separated from the Alejo M. Pacalso
4 Memorial National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be
5 known as Loacan National High School.
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7 SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and
8 records of the Alejo M. Pacalso Memorial National High School – Loacan Annex are hereby
9 transferred to and absorbed by the Loacan National High School.
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11 SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in
12 the Department's program the operationalization of the Loacan National High School, the
13 initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Alejo
14 M. Pacalso Memorial National High School – Loacan Annex. Thereafter, the amount
15 necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General
16 Appropriations Act.
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18 SEC. 4. *Implementation.* The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and
19 regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.
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21 SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
22 the Official Gazette.
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24 *Approved,*

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY



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HOUSE BILL NO. 2588

Introduced by the Honorable Representative Ronald M. Cosalan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It cannot be gainsaid that *education* plays an important role in the government's ultimate goal of progress. The 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall give priority to education, and likewise provides it recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote, among others, the youth's intellectual and physical well-being.

Thus, as provided for under Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution, the State is tasked to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and it shall take the appropriate steps to make education accessible to all.

The proposed national high school is located several kilometers away from the main or mother school, as in fact the former is situated in another barangay. Due to the said distance and the growing number of the enrollees for both schools, there exists an administration difficulty, as the needs of both schools are growing and becoming more complex.

In view of the foregoing, this bill is being filed to separate the Alejo M. Pacalso Memorial National High School—Loacan Annex from the Alejo M. Pacalso Memorial National High School—Main, and convert the former to an independent institution to be called the LOACAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL in Barangay Loacan, Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet.

In view of the foregoing considerations, approval of this bill is highly urged.


RONALD M. COSALAN

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 2588

Introduced by: HON. RONALD M. COSALAN

AN ACT SEPARATING THE ALEJO M. PACALSO
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL – LOACAN ANNEX IN
BARANGAY LOACAN FROM ITS MOTHER SCHOOL,
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BARANGAY TUDING, BOTH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
ITOGON, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, AND CONVERTING
IT INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE “LOACAN
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,” AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The Alejo M. Pacalso Memorial National High School—Loacan Annex located in Barangay Loacan, Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet, is hereby separated from the mother school being the Alejo M. Pacalso Memorial National High School—Main situated in Barangay Tudung, Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet, and converted to a separate and independent national high school to be known as “LOACAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.”

SECTION 2. The Department of Education shall issue the rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. The new "LOACAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL" shall be headed by a principal to be appointed by the Secretary of Education. The incumbent Teacher-in-Charge shall continue to act as such until his or her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

SECTION 4. All the assets, fixed and movable, personnel and records of the Alejo M. Pacalso Memorial National High School—Loacan Annex of Alejo M. Pacalso Memorial National High School—Main are hereby transferred to the Loacan National High School: Provided, That the positions, rights, and security of tenure of the personnel employed therein under the existing laws prior to the separation from the main school are not impaired.

SECTION 5. Immediately upon the approval of this Act, the Loacan National High School shall be given a separate appropriation which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the following year, following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

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Quezon City

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COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

26 June 2012

HON. JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Committee on Appropriations

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Dear Chairperson Abaya:

By: *[Signature]* Control No. _____

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture approved on 16 August 2011 the attached House Bill No. _____, entitled:

AN ACT

SEPARATING THE ALEJO M. PACALSO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LOACAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY LOACAN, MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON, PROVINCE OF BENGUET FROM THE ALEJO M. PACALSO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LOACAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

in substitution of House Bill No. 2588 with Representatives Ronald M. Cosalan and Salvador H. Escudero III as authors thereof.

Considering that a proposed funding is provided for in Section 3 of the aforesaid bill, the Committee deemed it appropriate to refer the same to the Committee on Appropriations for comment and approval.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III
Chairperson

For the Chairperson:


MARIA JOSEFINA R. RICAFORT
Committee Secretary



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



HON. JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA

*Congressman, 1st District, Cavite
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations*

September 4, 2012

HON. ROSENDA ANN OCAMPO

*Senior Vice-Chairperson
Committee on Basic Education & Culture*

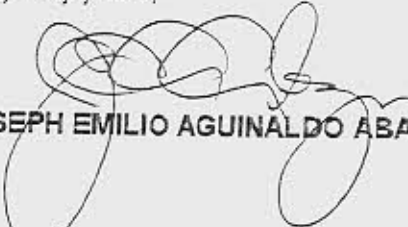
Dear Senior Vice-Chairperson Ocampo:

This refers to the following house bills on the establishment/separation of national high schools which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

1. **Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 2588** - AN ACT SEPARATING THE ALEJO M. PACALSO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LOACAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY LOACAN, MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON, PROVINCE OF BENGUET FROM THE ALEJO M. PACALSO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LOACAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;
2. **House Bill No. 5006** - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS THE MAYANA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;
2. **House Bill No. 5007** - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS THE MAINIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;
3. **House Bill No. 5008** - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN MUNICIPALITY OF MINGLANILLA, PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS THE TUNGIL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; and
4. **House Bill No. 5760** - AN ACT SEPARATING KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ASIBANGLAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY ASIBANGLAN, MUNICIPALITY OF PINUKPUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ASIBANGLAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Please be informed that the Committee recommends the approval of the above mentioned bills without amendment.

Very truly yours,



JOSEPH EMILIO AGUINALDO ABAYA

Cc: Rep. Manuel S. Agyao
Rep. Ronald M. Cosalan
Rep. Eduardo R. Gullas

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE
3rd Floor, Ramon V. Mitra, Jr. Building, Batasan Complex, Quezon City

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE
HELD ON AUGUST 16, 2011, 9:30 A.M., AT CONFERENCE ROOM NOS. 14 & 15, RAMON V.
MITRA, JR. BUILDING, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, QUEZON CITY**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman, Rep. Salvador H. Escudero III, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Florencio T. Flores, Jr. and there being no objection, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Rep. Mel Senen Sarmiento, duly seconded, the minutes of the meeting held on August 2, 2011 was approved.

IV. INITIAL DELIBERATION ON NATIONAL BILLS

1. *House Bill No. 4260 – Designating Ballet Philippines as the Philippine National Ballet Company, Defining its Role and Functions as Such and Appropriating Funds Therefor, by Reps. Antonio F. Lagdameo, Jr. and Roman T. Romulo*

At the outset, the Chair requested one of the authors, Rep. Lagdameo, for his preliminary statement. Rep. Lagdameo informed the members that the objective of the bill is for the designation of Ballet Philippines as the Philippine National Ballet Company, and to affirm the Ballet Philippines' legacy to Philippine dance as a learning institution, producer and treasury of original Filipino creative works in dance and music. Thereafter, he sought for the committee's approval of HB 4260.

In response to the queries of the Chair, Ms. Margie Moran-Floirendo, President of Ballet Philippines, gave the following statements:

- Ballet Philippines has been in existence for forty (42) years. It was founded at the same time as the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) was founded;
- This year is her 3rd term as President of Ballet Philippines;
- With the support of the CCP, Ballet Philippines now has 3,200 scholars;
- At present, Ballet Philippines has 88 dancers (only 20 of whom are receiving regular salary) and 55 employees;
- The appropriation needed in the implementation of the Act will come from the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR);

When queried, Mr. Stephen Villaflor, representative from PAGCOR, replied that that their agency posed no objection to Sec. 7 (2nd paragraph) of H.B. No. 4260 which states that, *"Thereafter, such amount, and such sums necessary to sustain the implementation of this Act, shall be sourced from the annual earnings of the PAGCOR"*. However, he requested that the amount of funding that will be sourced from PAGCOR should be specified as the subject section of the bill did not mention any amount. As to the amount of funding that PAGCOR is willing to

commit, he said that PAGCOR is willing to fund the required initial appropriation of Ten Million Pesos (Php 10M), and thereafter, the annual funding, also in the amount of Ten Million Pesos (Php 10M).

When asked whether the initial funding of P10M is enough for the time being, Rep. Lagdameo replied in the affirmative.

At this point, Chairman Escudero asked whether a representative from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) was in attendance. The Committee Secretary, Ms. Ma. Josefina Ricafort, replied in the negative. However, she informed the Chair that Mr. Felipe M. De Leon, Jr., Chairman of NCCA, submitted a position paper with respect to the subject bill. She also said that Mr. De Leon, in his letter to the Committee, explained that he cannot attend the hearing because he was also attending a Senate hearing on an equally important subject matter. Upon the directive of the Chair, Ms. Ricafort read the position of the NCCA:

- The designation of Ballet Philippines as the "Philippine National Ballet Company" might disenfranchise the other ballet groups, companies, or other dance forms, for that matter. Selecting one group for national status among a group of equals can have a very depressing effect on the others. Also we recognize the honor and the prestige that Ballet Philippines have been contributing to the Philippine art scene. However, priority should be given to a company or dance group espousing a dance form/traditions that are indigenous to the Philippines. In this way our country can contribute something unique and original to the artistic heritage of the world. Ballet is a very European form of art. Another factor to consider is living up to the title as a "national company". How can we be assured that with the periodic changes in the membership of any group of artists (the directors, the dancers, the choreographers, etc), the group would be able to sustain a level of excellence that is, at all times, deserving of its designation of "National".
- Pertains to Sec. 5 on Entitlement/Budget. - May we be clarified that if the intent is for an "inclusion of project grants for research, documentation, new choreography and/or production from the NCCA", that would mean an automatic appropriation, which may not be feasible, for we are constrained from committing any kind of regular funding for any group. It is not within the NCCA policy to provide regular funding for any individual artist or group of artists. NCCA only does this for programs, not people.

If the nature is an automatic allocation from the NCCA National Endowment Fund for Culture and the Arts (NEFCA), may we respectfully inform the Committee that the Commission supports a variety of diverse projects across the country, and with a minimal annual budget. Therefore, it cannot commit for a regular/ annual grant since other communities for the various programs and projects of the culture and arts community nationwide (covering all the 19 sectors such as music, literature, visual arts, historical research, museums and galleries, archives and libraries, cultural communities and traditional arts, cultural education among others), are also being considered. However we strongly suggests that they continue with the regular procedure of requesting for assistance by submitting project proposal/s for consideration after passing the usual evaluation process under the competitive grants program of the NCCA. All project requests, however, must meet the necessary requirements and prioritization of the respective NCCA National Committees and, after passing the evaluation process, support is approved, based on the availability of funding. The NCCA announces its regular call for project proposals annually.

- We thus, have some serious reservations about endorsing the passage of said bill.

Ms. Moran-Floirendo remarked that it is not true that Ballet Philippines only does European form of ballet. She claimed that of all the ballet companies, Ballet Philippines is the only company which have 400 pieces in their repertoire, majority of which are Filipino choreographed indigenous dances. Ballet Philippines also has the most number of awards, both nationally and internationally. She also said that if only they have the fund to propagate the ballet dance, the audience of all the ballet companies will also increase. According to her, the NCCA only gave them Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 200,000.00) to produce Crisostomo Ibarra and for their travel around the country.

At this juncture, the other author, Rep. Romulo, moved for the approval of the measure. The motion was seconded by Rep. M. Sarmiento. There being no objection, the motion was carried. Rep. M. Sarmiento also moved that all the members present, namely, Representatives M. Sarmiento, Piamonte, Teves, M. Lagdameo, Espina, Roman, F. Flores, and Sacdalan be made co-authors of the bill. The motion was likewise carried.

2. House Bill No. 4297 – Promoting the Adopt-A-Local Artist Program as a Way of Strengthening the Corporate Social Responsibility of Private Enterprises and Providing Incentives Therefore, by Rep. Erico B. Aumentado

Considering the absence of the author, the Chair requested the resource person in attendance, Atty. Erwin Mendiñeto of the Legal Division of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), to state the position of the BIR with respect to the bill under consideration.

Upon recognition by the Chair, Atty. Mendiñeto relayed that the BIR poses no objection with regard to Sec. 7 of the bill which states that, "Gifts or bequests in the form of cash from private entities or individuals in support of the program, as certified by the Council, shall be exempt from the donor's tax: *Provided, however,* That not more than thirty percent (30%) of said gifts shall be used by the Council for administration purpose. Said tax exemption shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended".

The Body deferred action on the measure for the meantime.

3. House Bill No. 4395 – Providing for the Protection and Conservation of Baybayin and Declaring Baybayin as the National Script of the Philippines, by Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil

Due to the absence of the author, the Chair requested the resource persons who were in attendance to state their agency's position with regard to H.B. No. 4395.

Director Cristina Chioco, representative from the Department of Education (DepED), expressed her disagreement on Sec. 4 of the bill which proposed that Baybayin shall be included in the curriculum of the elementary and secondary schools.

The Chair agreed with the sentiment of Dir. Chioco. He reiterated his position that curriculum-making should be the responsibility of DepEd and should not be done through legislation.

Director Jeremy Robert M. Barns stated that the National Museum is not yet ready to support the bill. According to him, Baybayin is only one of the several scripts that the country has and for it to be considered the national script as proposed in the bill should be further studied. He added, however, that the National Museum can be relied upon to put its research and its collection of Baybayin artifacts which are in the custody of the museum in the service of the said bill.

Dir. Chioco meanwhile stated that in the K to 12 curriculum of the DepEd, there is a proposal to use the mother tongue from Kindergarten to Grade III and this is where they can consider the Baybayin dialect as one of the mother tongues.

The Body deferred action on the measure for the meantime.

V. DELIBERATION ON LOCAL BILLS

On the omnibus motion of Rep. Flores, there being no objection, the following local bills were considered approved, subject to compliance of documentary requirements:

A. On Establishment

1. H.B. No. 1369 – Salagmanok National High School, by Rep. Cerilles;
2. H.B. No. 1372 – Pongapong National High School, by Rep. Cerilles;
3. H.B. No. 3166 – Creating A National High School in Barangay Lunas, Maasin City, Southern Leyte, by Rep. Mercado;
4. H.B. No. 3573 – Tunasan National High School, by Rep. Biazon;
5. H.B. No. 4717 – Utap National High School, by Rep. Romualdez, M.
6. H.B. No. 4761 – President Corazon Cojuangco-Aquino National Memorial High School; by Rep. Sy-Alvarado;
7. H.B. No. 4763 – Quintana National High School, by Rep. Bravo; and
8. H.B. No. 4809 – Roosevelt National High School, by Rep. Roman

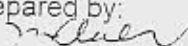
B. On Conversion/Separation

1. H.B. No. 2368 - Talisay National High School, by Rep. Romarate;
2. H.B. No. 2369 – Libuac National High School, by Rep. Romarate;
3. H.B. No. 2456 - Crispin E. Rojas National High School, by Rep. Dayanghirang;
4. H.B. No. 2588 – Loacan National High School, by Rep. Cosalan;
5. H.B. No. 2698 – Candaping National High School, by Rep. Fua;
6. H.B. No. 2707 – Almonacin Torrevillas National High School, by Rep. Salimbangan;
7. H.B. No. 3482 – Datur Dalandag National High School, by Rep. Sacdalan;
8. H.B. No. 3568 – Digkilaan National High School, by Rep. Belmonte, V.;
9. H.B. No. 3569 – Ditucalan National High School, by Rep. Belmonte, V.;
10. H.B. No. 3614 - Francisco G. Nepomuceno Memorial Tech/Voc and Training HS by Rep. Lazatin
11. H.B. No. 3799 - Sua National High School, by Rep. Ramos, D.;
12. H.B. No. 4008 - Malaybalay City Science High School, by Rep. Flores;
13. H.B. No. 4665 – Bancalaan National High School, by Rep. Socrates; and
14. H.B. No. 4817 – Manticao National High School, by Rep. Emano

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There having no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Prepared by:

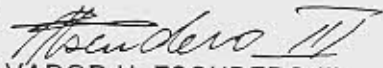

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Supervising Legislative Staff Officer II

Noted by:


MA. JOSEFINA R. RICAFORT
Committee Secretary

Approved:


HON. SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III
Chairperson