

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

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1268



Introduced by Honorable Carlos M. Padilla

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the existing annex of Alfonso Castaneda National High School in Barangay Abuyo, in the Municipality of Alfonso Castaneda, Province of Nueva Vizcaya and convert the same to an independent national high school to be known as the Abuyo National High School.

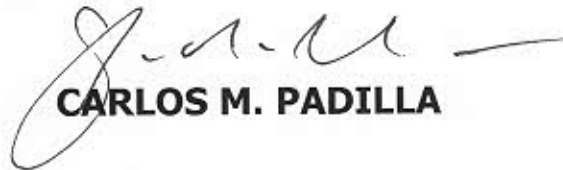
The proposed national high school has been in operation since June 2010. It is located in Barangay Abuyo which is one of the six (6) barangays in the Municipality of Alfonso Castaneda, Province of Nueva Vizcaya. It has the second largest population in the municipality. The majority of the residents belong to the ethnic group composed of Dumagats, Igorots, Ibalois, Kankanaïs and Ifugao.

The school has two (2) buildings: a concrete classroom building constructed in July 2011 out of DepEd funds, and another concrete two storey-four (4) classroom building with comfort rooms constructed in August 2011, out of the Local Government Unit Special Education Fund. The school is erected within the one (1) hectare lot which was donated by Barangay Abuyo, represented by Barangay Captain Noli C. Mantile. The proposed national high school will serve two (2) feeder schools, namely: Mandunot Elementary School and Abuyo Elementary School.

Literacy rates among the residents of Barangay Abuyo, Municipality of Alfonso Castaneda and its immediate vicinity may increase with the establishment of an independent national high school as it will serve as an

impetus for the residents to acquire basic quality education. It will also serve the national interest.

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



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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE ALFONSO CASTANEDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-ABUYO ANNEX IN BARANGAY ABUYO, MUNICIPALITY OF ALFONSO CASTANEDA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA FROM THE ALFONSO CASTANEDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ABUYO 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. *Separation and Conversion into an Independent National High School.*- The Alfonso Castaneda National High School-Abuyo Annex in Barangay Abuyo, Municipality of Alfonso Castaneda, Province of Nueva Vizcaya is hereby separated from the Alfonso Castaneda National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Abuyo National High School.

Sec. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.*- All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Alfonso Castaneda National High School- Abuyo Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Abuyo National High School.

Sec. 3. *Appropriations.* - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Abuyo National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current years's appropriation of the Alfonso Castaneda National High School- Abuyo Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

Sec. 4. *Implementation* – The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Sec. 5. *Effectivity*.- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved.