

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

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**5126**  
HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_



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**Introduced by: HON. JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-ALVARADO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

It was repeatedly said by Malcolm Little or more popularly known as Malcolm X, one of the most influential African Americans in history, that: **“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.”**

This bill seeks to convert the Dampol 2<sup>nd</sup> National High School Sta. Lucia Annex into an independent and separate school to be known as the Sta. Lucia National High School. In doing so, the new school will be assured of its own funding and appointment of school administrators and teachers who are authorized to act upon any problem or situation immediately if needed. These advantages will clearly benefit the students by assuring them of a better quality of education and a more conducive environment for learning.

As an extension of a main school, Dampol 2<sup>nd</sup> National High School Sta. Lucia Annex has to share the resources and funding allotted to the Dampol 2<sup>nd</sup> National High School. Obviously, the needs of the main school are prioritized and the annex has to make do with anything that is left. The students of the latter are clearly in a disadvantageous position.

With the creation of an independent Sta. Lucia National High School, it will be in a better position as compared to an annex to craft its own programs and interventions based on the unique circumstances and needs of the students in the area it serves. The students are ensured of good school administrators and more importantly, of qualified, competent and adequate number of teaching and non-teaching personnel.

We must move towards a better education for our youth.

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

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**An Act Separating the Dampol 2<sup>nd</sup> National High School Sta. Lucia Annex in Barangay Sta. Lucia, Municipality of Calumpit, Province of Bulacan from the Dampol 2<sup>nd</sup> National High School converting it to an independent National High School to be known as the Sta. Lucia National High School and appropriating funds therefor**

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

**Section 1.** The Dampol 2<sup>nd</sup> National High School – Sta. Lucia Annex in Barangay Sta. Lucia, Municipality of Calumpit, Province of Bulacan is hereby separated from the Dampol 2<sup>nd</sup> National High School and converted into an independent National High School to be known as the Sta. Lucia National High School.

**Section 2.** All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of the Dampol 2<sup>nd</sup> National High School – Sta. Lucia Annex is hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Sta. Lucia National High School.

**Section 3.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Sta. Lucia National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Dampol 2<sup>nd</sup> National High School Sta. Lucia Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**Section 4.** The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

**Section 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or at least in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

