

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

Seventeenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6382**



Introduced by Honorable Alexandria P. Gonzales

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution mandates the State to [1] provide access to quality education to the people, particularly the underprivileged and underserved sectors of society; and [2] establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of society. In adherence to this, and to address the growing student population in various integrated schools within the City of Mandaluyong, the Senate President Neptali A. Gonzales Integrated School shall be established.

The Senate President Neptali A. Gonzales Integrated School is named in honor of the late Sen. Neptali A. Gonzales—a public servant who, in his life, embodied the individual's dream to rise above life's adversities through the power of education. As a lawmaker and distinguished son of Mandaluyong, Sen. Neptali A. Gonzales initiated the construction of school buildings for many of the city's barangays, anchored as it was on his principle that "education is the door that opens life's opportunities." Mandaluyong City owes a great deal to the late Sen. Neptali A. Gonzales in terms of its capacity to provide quality education to its constituents.

The proposed school will be situated in Barangay Mauway, one of Mandaluyong's depressed barangays. Its immediate neighboring barangay is Addition Hills, the city's most populous depressed community. Schools that are in proximity to it are Highway Hills Integrated School, the Mataas na Paaralang Neptali A. Gonzales, Nueve de Febrero Elementary School, Pleasant Hills Elementary School, Andres Bonifacio Integrated School, and the Addition Hills Integrated School. With a combined population of 25,000 the said schools have come to experience a shortage of classrooms resulting to the holding of double shifts, and triple shifts in the case of Nueve de Febrero Elementary School.

The establishment of the Senate President Neptali A. Gonzales Integrated School, therefore, will address the shortage of facilities and congestion in other schools. Effectively, then, the improvement of the learning environment will translate to improved teaching and learning. It will likewise concretely manifest the policy of the State that education is its top priority.

In the light of the foregoing, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAUWAY, CITY OF
MANDALUYONG, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SENATE PRESIDENT NEPTALI A.
GONZALES INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Establishment of an Integrated School. - There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, an integrated school in Barangay Mauway, City of Mandaluyong, National Capital Region, to be known as the Senate President Neptali A. Gonzales Integrated School.

SECTION 2. Appropriations. - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Senate President Neptali A. Gonzales Integrated School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. Implementation. - The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,