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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7989



Introduced by Hon. Jerry P. Treñas

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State is mandated by the Constitution to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. Consistent with the Constitution, this legislative measure aims to convert the present Nabitasan Elementary School in the District of La Paz, Iloilo City into an integrated school by providing quality education to the numerous children and young citizens in the District of La Paz and its neighboring barangays.

It is also a declared policy of the State to prioritize education. A big part of prioritizing education is to give accessible and quality education to our stakeholders. As lawmakers, we must enact legislations which advance the quality and accessibility of education for all.

The La Paz District has an estimated population of fifty-two thousand five hundred seventeen (52,517) and a valuable part of the populace are the youth. Nabitasan Elementary School is anticipating more students every year and they are even anticipating more students to enroll in the coming years. With the steady Population Growth Rate and the Community-based Migration Project, the City Population Office of the Iloilo estimates that the City will reach more than Five Hundred Thousand (500,000) by the year 2019.

To be responsive to this perennial problem of shortage of classrooms and venues in the neighboring barangays due to the steadily increasing population growth, this representation is earnestly seeking to address this problem through a progressive stance. These students, present and the future, are, and will be, in need of an accessible high school within their community in order to bring reachable education within their respective barangay.

The young education stakeholders of the District of La Paz deserve an integrated school which will allow them to develop their skills and be a productive member of the society in the coming future. Let us give them the opportunity to become productive citizens of our country.

I therefore highly encourage the approval of this bill.


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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE NABITASAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
NABITASAN, DISTRICT OF LA PAZ, ILOILO CITY INTO AN INTEGRATED
SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE NABITASAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL**

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

Section 1. Conversion into an Integrated School. – The Nabitasan Elementary School in Barangay Nabitasan, District of La Paz, Iloilo City is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Nabitasan Integrated School.

SEC. 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Nabitasan Elementary School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Nabitasan Integrated School.

SEC. 3. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Nabitasan Elementary School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Implementation. – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,