

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

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **6327**



Introduced by Representative **WOWO FORTES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert Batang Elementary School to Batang Integrated School in Barangay Batang, Municipality of Irosin, Province of Sorsogon.

Based on the recent study conducted by the Department of Education Region V - Schools Division of Sorsogon, a considerable number of graduates of Batang Elementary School are unable to pursue and complete their secondary education because of the distance between their homes and Gabao National High School, the supposed nearest secondary school. Gabao National High School in Brgy. Gabao, Municipality of Irosin is still far and inaccessible to the three (3) neighboring barangays of San Isidro, Batang, and Gumapia of the same municipality.

Surrounded by rice fields and hilly terrains, the residential areas of Brgy. Batang are distant from the established main road. Moreover, there is no regular public transportation plying in the vicinity. The conversion of the said school into an integrated school will give opportunities to the students of the above-mentioned communities to complete their education and realize their goals. The proximity of Batang Integrated School will also save the less fortunate families from costly transportation expenses and food allowances as the school will be nearer to their homes.

While the projected number of enrollees does not warrant the establishment of a separate secondary school, the conversion of Batang Elementary School to Batang Integrated School will significantly increase its SY 2020-2021 population from 278 to more than 462 students.

Finally, this conversion is a long-time prayer of the community that will enable their children to fully enjoy the right to accessible and quality basic education.

The immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Fortes', is positioned above the printed name.

ATTY. WOWO FORTES

Representative

Second District, Province of Sorsogon

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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE BATANG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BRGY.
BATANG, IROSIN, SORSOGON INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE
KNOWN AS THE BATANG INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION. 1. The Batang Elementary School in Barangay Batang, Municipality of Irosin, Province of Sorsogon, is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Batang Integrated School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Batang Elementary School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Batang Integrated School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Batang Integrated School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Batang Elementary School. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Within ninety days (90) from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act. Such implementing rules and regulations shall provide for the school's organization, administration, operations and management, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9155, or the "Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001", Republic Act No. 10533, or the "Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013", and other basic education-related laws.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,