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House Bill No. 6470



Introduced by **HONORABLE PETER B. MIGUEL**

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SEPARATION AND AUTONOMY OF ESPERANZA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ANNEX, SAN JOSE CAMPUS IN BARANGAY SAN JOSE, KORONADAL CITY, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO FROM ESPERANZA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MAIN CAMPUS, TO BE KNOWN AS MARBEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a national high school in Barangay San Jose, Koronadal City, South Cotabato to be named Marbel National High School. Presently, this school is a mere extension of Esperanza National High School – Main Campus.

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that. “The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.” Moreover, Section 2, of Republic Act 9155 otherwise known as Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001, declared that, “It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality basic education and to make such education accessible to all by providing all Filipino children a free and compulsory education in the elementary level and free education in the high school level.

These are the legal bases of the proposal to establish a public secondary school in Barangay Paraiso, Koronadal City, South Cotabato to be named as **MARBEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**.

Barangay San Jose is about twelve (12) kilometers away from the city proper. It is the third largest barangay in terms of land area, having an area of 2,306 hectares. In the east is the Colombio mountain range and the rest of the land area as a valley.

It is basically an agricultural area. Out of the 2,306 hectares land area, about 1,545 hectares are devoted to agricultural production; hence, farming is the main source of income and livelihood for the majority of the people.

In terms of access to basic education, there are two (2) elementary schools and one (1) private high school on the locality. For secondary public high school. Esperanza National High School – Main Campus is about 7.5 kilometers away and Rotonda National High School is 6.2 kilometers from

Barangay San Jose. For Senior High School, two (2) are offering public Senior High Schools, Esperanza National High School – Main and Rotonda National High School while Notre Dame of San Jose is the lone private school, offering also Senior High School (SHS) education. Access to Senior High School (SHS) education however is difficult because it is too far from Barangay San Jose. Considering the cost for fare and allowances of student in going to the nearby SHS. The private SHS is expensive considering it collects tuition fees and although SHS has voucher, there are expenses and miscellaneous fees which the common residents cannot afford. Factors like geographical location, distance, tuition fees and rising cost of educational fees affect the decision of parents on where to send their children to SHS, especially the Indigenous People in Lower and Upper Supon, Cadidang and Highest Point in Barangay San Jose and Muslim constituents in the nearby barangays of Lutayan and Colombio, Sultan Kudarat.

The parents and students are clamoring and pleading for a Senior High School to be established in the locality. The proposed Marbel National High School would not only cater to the graduates of Esperanza National High School – Annex, San Jose Campus but also to students in the neighboring barangays such as Mabini, Avanceña, Namnama and some barangays from Lutayan, Sultan Kudarat such as Palavilla, Blingkong, Sumapal and Barangay Lasak, Colombio, Sultan Kudarat.

In view of the foregoing, the entire constituents of the Province of Cotabato, especially from the 2nd District, the immediate passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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

- Section 1.* *Short Title:* This Act shall be known as “The Marbel National High School Act of 2022”
- Section 2:* The Esperanza National High School – Annex San Jose Campus is hereby converted into an independent national high school to known as Marbel National High School.
- Section 3:* All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of Esperanza National High School – Annex San Jose Camous is hereby transferred to and absorbed by Marbel National High School.
- Section 5:* The Secretary of Department of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of Marbel National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- Section 6:* The Secretary of Department of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.
- Section 7:* This Act shall take effect after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED.

