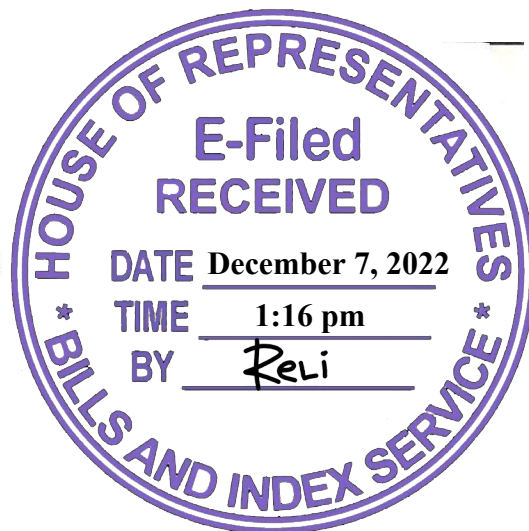


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HOUSE BILL NO. 6562



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution enshrines that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development. Moreover, 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. (Art. XIV, Sec. 1) Lastly, the State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society. (Art. XIV, Sec. 2)

According to the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Municipality of Rizal in the Province of Nueva Ecija has a population of 70,196, as of May 1, 2020.¹ The local government unit covers 26 barangays, including Barangay General Luna.

In line with the declared policies of the State with regard to education, this proposed measure seeks the conversion of the General Luna Elementary School in Barangay General Luna, Municipality of Rizal, Province of Nueva Ecija into an integrated school. This shall ensure that the constituents of Barangay General Luna and neighboring barangays will have access quality primary and secondary education without having to travel to another school outside the locality – thus, promoting their unhampered learning.

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

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¹ <https://psa.gov.ph/content/2020-census-population-and-housing-2020-cph-population-counts-declared-official-president>

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CONVERTING GENERAL LUNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
BARANGAY GENERAL LUNA, MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE
OF NUEVA ECIJA INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS
GENERAL LUNA INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion to an Integrated School.* – The General Luna Elementary School in Barangay General Luna, Municipality of Rizal, Province of Nueva Ecija is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as General Luna Integrated School.

SECTION 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of General Luna Elementary School in Municipality of Rizal, Nueva Ecija are hereby transferred to and absorbed by General Luna Integrated School.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of General Luna Integrated School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act within one hundred twenty (120) days after its effectivity.

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

Approved,