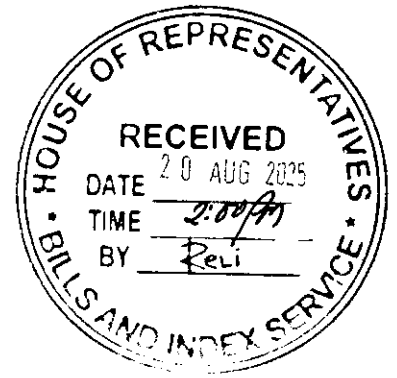




Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 3900

Introduced by **Representative Katrina Reiko Chua-Tai**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In his fourth State of the Nation Address on July 28, 2025, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. underscored the urgent challenges facing Filipino youth, including learning gaps, high dropout rates, and persistent child labor. He reaffirmed his administration's unwavering commitment to prioritizing education, highlighting major initiatives such as construction of 18,000 classrooms, the nationwide implementation of the Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program, and the renewed support for Early Childhood Care and Development programs, which are especially important for indigent families in far-flung areas, such as those in the First Legislative District of Zamboanga City.

Despite these efforts, classroom shortage, inadequate learning materials, and limited technological resources continue to hinder the delivery of quality education. In the First Legislative District of Zamboanga City, the situation is acute because only 78 schools were deemed ready for the 2025 *Brigada Eskwela*, yet enrollment reached 133,000 for School Year 2025–2026. Many schools are forced to use shaded areas, covered courts, and other makeshift spaces, exposing students to discomfort and safety risks.

This bill aims to establish a national high school in Barangay San Jose Gusu in Zamboanga City to directly address the classroom shortages, reduce incidental expenses, improve accessibility, and provide a safe and conducive environment for academic growth.

This national school will serve as a beacon of educational progress in the community. Most importantly, it will unite students, parents, educators, and residents in a shared mission to foster academic excellence within a safe and supportive environment.

This bill is also proposed in response to the formal petition of the residents of Barangay San Jose Gusu, reflecting their collective aspiration for accessible and inclusive education.

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

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1 **AN ACT**
2 **ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN**
3 **JOSE GUSU, ZAMBOANGA CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS SAN JOSE GUSU**
4 **NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

8 SECTION 1. There is hereby established in Barangay San Jose Gusu,
9 Zamboanga City, a national high school to be known as the San Jose Gusu
10 National High School.

11 The school shall be administered and supervised by the Department of
12 Education for policy and program formulation and implementation, and technical
13 assistance.

14 SEC.2. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the
15 Department's program the operationalization of the San Jose Gusu National High
16 School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
17 Appropriations Act.

1 SEC. 3. Within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this
2 Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations
3 implementing the provisions of this Act. Such implementing rules and regulations
4 shall provide for the school's organization, administration, operations, and
5 management, in accordance with Republic Act (RA) No. 9155 or the "*Governance*
6 *of Basic Education Act of 2001*," RA 10533 or the "*Enhanced Basic Education Act*
7 *of 2013*," and other basic education-related laws.

8 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
9 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

10 Approved,