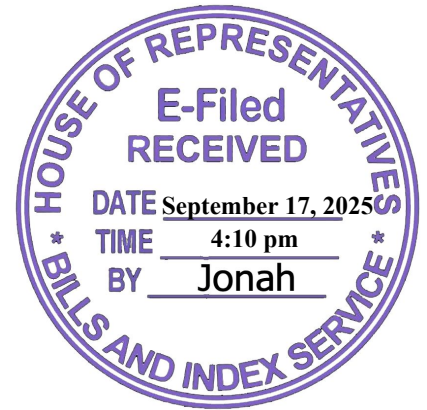


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House Bill No. **4654**



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In line with the mandate stipulated under Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it is imperative to provide accessible and uninterrupted educational opportunities to children, especially those living in geographically isolated and disadvantaged communities. At present, many learners in Barangay Balluay, Municipality of Sablan, Province of Benguet, and its nearby barangays are confronted with difficulties in continuing their studies beyond the elementary level due to the absence of a nearby secondary school. Students are often forced to travel long distances to attend high school, exposing them to safety risks and placing additional financial and logistical burdens on their families. These circumstances have led to cases of absenteeism and dropouts, depriving children of their constitutional right to quality education.

This bill seeks to convert the Balluay Elementary School in Barangay Balluay into an integrated school to be known as the Balluay Integrated School. Providing both elementary and secondary education in one institution will ensure uninterrupted and continuous access to basic education for learners within the community and in neighboring barangays.

The establishment of Balluay Integrated School is envisioned to improve enrollment rates, reduce dropout cases, and promote a stronger commitment among students and parents to pursue education. It will also provide a more efficient allocation of educational resources, facilities, and teaching personnel within the Department of Education, while easing the financial and logistical burdens on families. Through this measure, the State reinforces its commitment to equitable and inclusive education, ensuring that no child is left behind, regardless of geography.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of the proposed bill is earnestly sought.


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INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BALLUAY INTEGRATED
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

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

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

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

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act within one hundred twenty (120) days after its effectivity.

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,