

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

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **5502**



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert Palidan Elementary School into an integrated school, to be known as Palidan Integrated School, so that students can continue their junior high school education within the same campus. With this, learners will have better access to continuous and complete basic education without the need to leave their community.

Education is a fundamental right guaranteed by the 1987 Philippine Constitution, which mandates the State to make quality education accessible to all. However, in remote and mountainous areas like Barangay Dalipey in the Municipality of Bakun, Province of Benguet, students continue to face challenges in pursuing their studies beyond the elementary level due to the absence of nearby secondary schools.

At present, graduates of Palidan Elementary School must travel long distances through difficult terrain to reach the nearest high school. This situation often leads to frequent absences, fatigue, and, in some cases, school dropouts. The Department of Education¹ highlights that learners from far-flung and geographically isolated areas are among the most at risk of not completing basic education due to accessibility issues.

The conversion will also allow the Department of Education to provide the necessary teaching personnel, facilities, and resources to support both elementary and secondary education levels. This ensures that the children of Barangay Dalipey and nearby areas receive equal educational opportunities as those in urban and easily accessible communities.

Filing this measure is necessary to give life to the State's commitment to inclusive and accessible education. It responds directly to the needs of upland

¹ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. 2022. Basic Education Development Plan 2030. Retrieved from https://www.deped.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/DO_s2022_024.pdf Accessed in October 9, 2025

communities by bringing schools closer to learners and reducing educational inequality.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is respectfully sought.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING PALIDAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DALIPEY,
MUNICIPALITY OF BAKUN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO AN
INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PALIDAN 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 Palidan Elementary School in Barangay Dalipey, Municipality of Bakun, Province of Benguet is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Palidan Integrated School.

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

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Palidan 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,