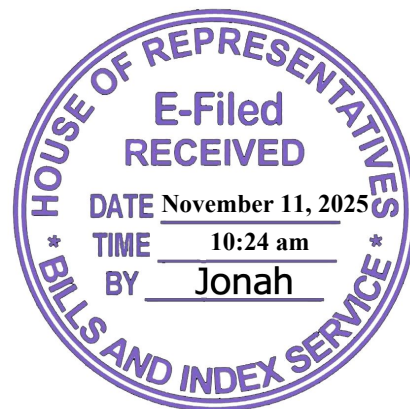


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **5802**



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert Tacadang Elementary School in Barangay Tacadang, Municipality of Kibungan, Province of Benguet into an integrated school to be known as Tacadang Integrated School. The conversion shall include the transfer of all existing personnel, assets, liabilities, and records from Tacadang Elementary School to the new integrated school, as well as the allocation of operational funds through the General Appropriations Act.

Education is the foundation of national development and social progress. The State, under Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution, is mandated to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. This bill aligns with this constitutional mandate by ensuring that learners in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas have access to continuous and inclusive basic education.

Tacadang Elementary School, located in Barangay Tacadang, Municipality of Kibungan, Province of Benguet, has long served the educational needs of children in the area. However, due to its remote location and the significant distance to the nearest secondary school, many students face physical, economic, and social barriers to continuing their education beyond the elementary level. The establishment of an integrated school will allow elementary graduates to pursue junior and senior high school education within their own community.

Despite government efforts, access to secondary education in geographically isolated and mountainous areas like Kibungan remains a challenge. This persistent issue emphasizes the need to expand educational access through the conversion of qualified elementary schools into integrated schools. Through this measure, learners will be provided with uninterrupted access to both elementary and secondary education within their own locality. It will minimize school dropouts, promote inclusivity, and strengthen the delivery of the K-12 Basic Education Program, particularly in remote indigenous communities.

Once enacted into law, this measure will empower the youth of Tacadang and neighboring barangays to provide them with equitable access to quality education without the burden of long-distance travel. It will also promote social mobility and local development by nurturing an educated and skilled population.

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



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AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TACADANG 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 Tacadang Elementary School in Barangay Tacadang, Municipality of Kibungan, Province of Benguet is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Tacadang Integrated School.

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

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