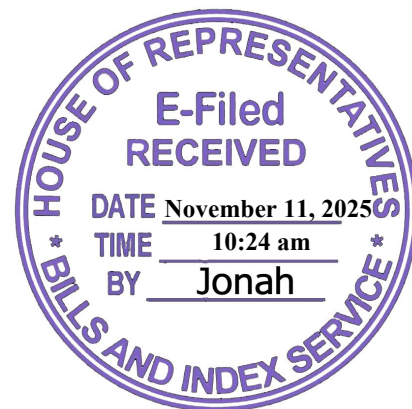


Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. **5804**



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert Tocmo Elementary School into an integrated school to be known as Tocmo Integrated School, offering both elementary and secondary education within the same institution. The establishment of Tocmo Integrated School will ensure continuity of basic education, ease the financial and logistical burdens of students and parents, and contribute to the holistic development of the youth in the community.

The Constitution mandates the State 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. In line with this mandate, the government continuously endeavors to expand and improve the country's educational system, particularly in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas.

The Tocmo Elementary School in Barangay Loacan, Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet has long served as the primary learning institution for children in the locality. However, the absence of a nearby secondary school compels many students to travel long distances to continue their studies, which often results in increased absenteeism and dropouts, particularly among learners from low-income families.

The conversion will also allow for the rationalization of educational resources, including personnel, facilities, and programs, under the direct supervision of the Department of Education. This will strengthen the delivery of quality education and promote inclusive learning opportunities for all.

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


HON. ERIC G. YAP

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

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. **5804**

Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

AN ACT
CONVERTING TOCMO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LOACAN,
MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON, PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO AN INTEGRATED
SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TOCMO 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 Tocmo Elementary School in Barangay Loacan, Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Tocmo Integrated School.

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

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