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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 8878

Introduced by Rep. CARMELO G. LAZATIN, JR.

**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA
TO BE KNOWN AS THE MABALACAT CITY SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

The Constitution likewise underscores the importance of science and technology in national development and directs the State to give priority to science and technology education, training, and services.

This policy is reinforced by Republic Act No. 10533, or the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013, which promotes curriculum responsiveness and flexibility, enabling schools to strengthen specialized programs such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

While Pampanga has existing science high schools, Mabalacat City does not have a stand-alone science high school under the supervision of the Department of Education. Establishing a science high school in the city will expand access to quality and advanced learning opportunities, supported by appropriate laboratory facilities, equipment, teaching resources, and technological tools.

Moreover, Mabalacat City's proximity to the Clark Freeport and Special Economic Zone (CFSEZ) presents opportunities for meaningful exposure to technology-and science-driven industries. This environment can help learners cultivate interest in research, science, mathematics, and engineering, and better prepare them for future careers in innovation-led fields.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

1 Section 1. *Establishment of a Science High School.* – There is hereby established, under
2 the supervision of the Department of Education, a science high school in Mabalacat City, Province
3 of Pampanga, to be known as the Mabalacat City Science High School.

4 Section 2. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall include in the Department's
5 program the operationalization of the Mabalacat City Science High School, the funding of which
6 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

7 Section 3. *Implementation.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and
8 regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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10 Section 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
11 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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13 Approved,