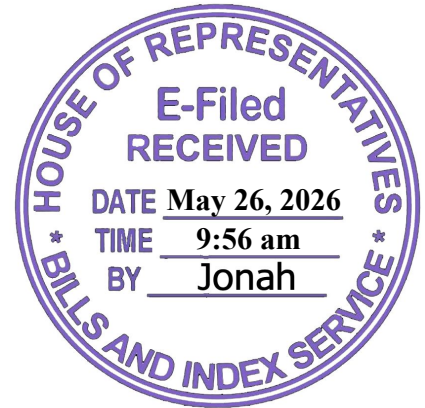


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 9421



Introduced by **Representative ERIC G. YAP**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to rename the Lanipew Barrio School located in Barangay Tacadang, Municipality of Kibungan, Province of Benguet, into “Dionisio Aligang Elementary School”. This aims to recognize the invaluable contribution of the late Dionisio Aligang to the establishment of the school and the advancement of education in the community. The measure operationalizes the authority granted under Section 13(e), Chapter II, Book I of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the “*Local Government Code of 1991*”, and complies with the Revised Guidelines on the Naming and Renaming of Schools under Department of Education (DepEd) Order No. 29, s. 2011, as further reinforced under DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2014.

Across many rural and geographically isolated communities in the country, public schools continue to exist because of the sacrifices and generosity of ordinary citizens who voluntarily donated land and resources for the education of future generations. In Barangay Tacadang, Kibungan, Benguet, the late Dionisio Aligang donated a ten-thousand-square-meter (10,000 sqm) school site through a notarized Affidavit of Quitclaim and Waiver of Rights dated July 23, 1993. This has paved the way for the establishment and continued operation of Lanipew Barrio School. Despite such contributions, many local benefactors remain historically unrecognized in official public institutions which results in the gradual loss of community memory and local heritage. Recognizing this, the DepEd reiterated through DepEd Order No. 29, s. 2011 that naming and renaming public schools must undergo a formal and lawful process involving the Local School Board and local legislative bodies to preserve historical and cultural significance in educational institutions.

The bill gives due recognition to an individual whose contribution directly benefited generations of learners while complying with the standards prescribed by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) and the Department of Education. It also strengthens community participation in educational governance, considering that the proposal already carries the endorsement of the Parents-Teachers and Community Association (PTCA), the Sangguniang Barangay of Tacadang, the Municipal School Board of Kibungan, and the Sangguniang Bayan through Resolution No. 20-2025.

This proposed measure preserves the story of a man whose generosity opened the doors of education to countless children in a remote community in Benguet. Every classroom standing on the land he donated stands as a silent testimony to sacrifice, public spirit, and belief in the power of education. Allowing his name to fade into obscurity would diminish the very values communities strive to teach their children: service, compassion, and love for future generations. At a time when many young Filipinos search for examples of genuine heroism, this bill ensures that the legacy of Dionisio Aligang remains alive not only in memory, but in the very institution that his selflessness helped build.

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



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AN ACT
RENAMING LANIPEW BARRIO SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TACADANG,
MUNICIPALITY OF KIBUNGAN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, TO DIONISIO
ALIGANG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Section 1. *Renaming of School.* – The Lanipew Barrio School located in Barangay Tacadang, Municipality of Kibungan, Province of Benguet, is hereby renamed as “*Dionisio Aligang Elementary School*”.

SEC. 2. *Implementation.* – The Department of Education, particularly the Schools Division Office of Benguet, shall take the necessary steps for the implementation of this Act, including the updating of all official records, school signages, and pertinent documents to reflect the new name of the school.

SEC. 3. *Compliance with Existing Guidelines.* – The renaming of the school shall be consistent with the Revised Guidelines on the Naming and Renaming of Streets, Public Schools, Plazas, Buildings, Bridges, and other Public Structures issued by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP).

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* – In case any provision of this Act or any portion thereof is declared unconstitutional by a competent court, other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,