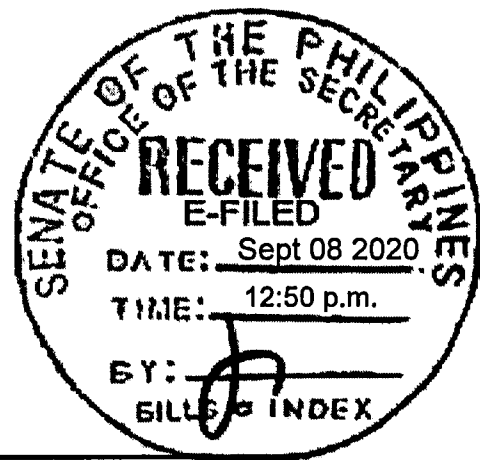


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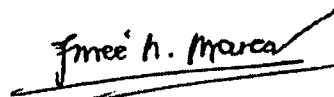
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of our Constitution declares 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 further declares that, "*The State shall establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels.*"

Republic Act No. 9155 or the Governance of Basic Education Act mandates that the establishment of schools is encouraged to provide complete basic education to students in remote areas. The Sitio Agik-ik is situated on rolling hills and Datu Danwata Elementary School-Agik-ik Extension is approximately one to two hours away from the main elementary school in Barangay Datu Danwata Elementary School. The distance between schools hinders most students from pursuing primary education.

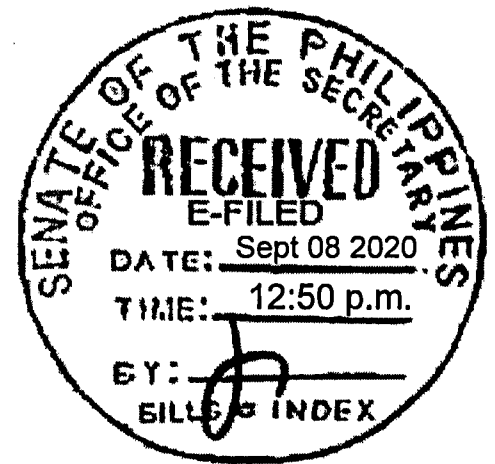
This bill therefore, seeks to convert the Datu Danwata Elementary School - Agik-Ik Extension in the remote Sitio of Agik-ik, Barangay Datu Danwata into an independent elementary school to be known as Agik-ik Elementary School. This will provide quality primary education to the students of the far-flung sitio of Agik-ik.

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



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

1 SECTION 1. *Separation and Conversion into a National High School.* – The Datu
2 Danwata Elementary School - Agik-ik Extension in Sitio Agik-ik, Barangay Datu
3 Danwata, Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental, is hereby converted
4 into an independent elementary school to be known as the Agik-ik Elementary School.

5 SEC. 2. *Transfer of Personnel, Assets, Liabilities and Records.* – All personnel,
6 assets, liabilities and records of the Datu Danwata Elementary School - Agik-ik
7 Extension are hereby transferred and absorbed by the Agik-ik Elementary School.

8 SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include
9 in the Department's program, the operationalization of the Agik-ik Elementary School,
10 the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations
11 of the Datu Danwata Elementary School - Agik-Ik Extension. Thereafter, the amount
12 necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the Annual
13 General Appropriations Act.

14 SEC. 4 *Implementation.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and
15 regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

16 SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
17 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,