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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution states 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."

Education is a fundamental right of every Filipino. However, in many parts of the country, families residing in remote barangays do not have access to educational institutions where they can pursue learning. Hence, the conversion of elementary school into an integrated school will open an opportunity for children to access basic education.

This bill seeks to convert Wangal Elementary School into an integrated school in Barangay Wangal, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, to be known as the Wangal Integrated School. This will provide elementary and secondary education, envisioned to serve not only the children residing in the area but also those from adjacent and nearby barangays. This shall also boost the enrollment and attendance rates in these areas.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is highly recommended.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Wangal Elementary School in Barangay Wangal, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Wangal Integrated School.

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

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

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

Approved,