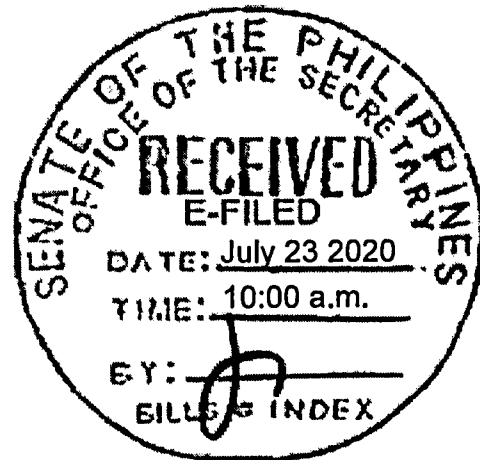


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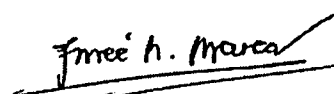
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article XIV, Section 1 of our 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." Section 2, paragraph 2 of the same Article further states that, "*The State shall establish and maintain, a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels.*"

Barangay Pagatpat has an estimated population of 6,970 with 1,500 households comprising an average of 4-5 family members per household. This number has significantly increased as a result of the relocation area for the survivors of Typhoon Sendong. Establishing an accessible secondary school in the area is sought to reduce the risk of exposing the children to traffic accidents in travelling to the nearby town's secondary schools. To meet the demands of the rapid increase of school population and to defray the transportation expenses that most parents struggle with, it is imperative for the Barangay Pagatpat to have an independent national high school.

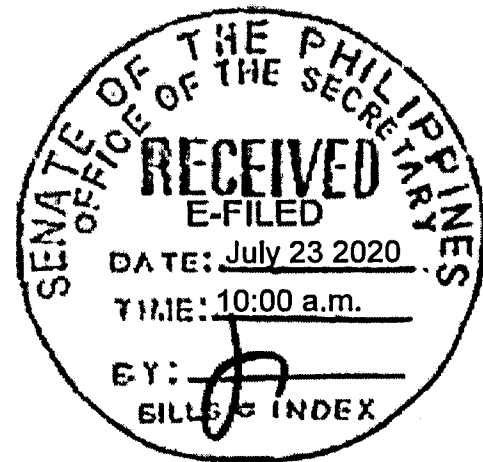
Thus, this bill seeks the separation of Canitoan National High School–Pagatpat Annex from its mother school, Canitoan National High School and be converted into an independent national high school. The proposed school shall be known as Pagatpat National High School, which will provide accessible and quality education to the youth in the said barangay and its neighboring communities.

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  
2 Canitoan National High School – Pagatpat Annex in Barangay Pagatpat, City of  
3 Cagayan de Oro, is hereby separated from Canitoan National High School and  
4 converted into an independent national high school to be known as Pagatpat National  
5 High School.

6           SEC. 2. *Transfer of Personnel, Assets, Liabilities and Records.* – All personnel,  
7 assets, liabilities and records of the Canitoan National High School - Pagtpat Annex  
8 are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Pagatpat National High School.

9           SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include  
10 in the Department's program, the operationalization of the Pagatpat National High  
11 School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's  
12 appropriations of the Canitoan National High School - Pagatpat Annex. Thereafter, the  
13 amount needed for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the  
14 Annual General Appropriations Act.

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

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

*Approved,*