Universal access to quality education is not a privilege—it is a basic human right, regardless of gender, socio-economic background or circumstances.

No less than our 1987 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 education accessible to all.

It is for this reason that this bill seeks to separate the Dulop National High School-Bagong Valencia Extension in Barangay Bagong Valencia, Municipality of Dumingag from Dulop National High School and convert it into an independent school to be known as Bagong Valencia National High School.

Dulop National High School-Bagong Valencia Extension has been operating for almost eight (8) years now and since its operation, it has been duly noted that the enrollees gradually increase every year.

Since Barangay Bagong Valencia is almost twelve (12) kilometers away from the nearest public secondary school, separation of the school from its mother school would certainly ensure a better-funded, better-managed and independently-operated national high school.

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1462

Introduced by Representative Divina Grace C. Yu

AN ACT SEPARATING THE DULOP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – BAG-ONG VALENCEA EXTENSION IN BARANGAY BAG-ONG VALENCEA, MUNICIPALITY OF DUMINGAG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR FROM THE DULOP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BAG-ONG VALENCEA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Dulop National High School – Bag-ong Valencia Extension in Barangay Bag-ong Valencia, Municipality of Dumingag, Province of Zamboanga del Sur is hereby separated from the Dulop National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Bag-ong Valencia National High School.

SECTION 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Dulop National High School – Bag-ong Valencia Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Bag-ong Valencia National High School.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Bag-ong Valencia National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Dulop National High School-Bag-ong Valencia Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

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

Approved,