The Fishing Village Comprehensive National High School-Bolila Extension (formerly Benjamin V. Bautista Special High School) has had that extension status for eight (8) years since its establishment in AY 2010-2011. The main campus of this school is located in Malita which is 10 kilometers away from Bolila. It consists of three (3) classrooms with the school seated in a 1-hectare location. Since its opening in the years 2010-2011, it has catered to Grade 7 to Grade 10 with a total population of 250 students. There were feeder schools with one section per grade level and is serviced by a teaching force of nine regular and permanent teachers including the Teacher-in-Charge.

This Bill seeks for the establishment of Bolila National High School in the Municipality of Malita in the Province of Davao Occidental. The aim is for those students who have graduated from their elementary school is to pursue their secondary education without having to go to the trouble of traveling the distance to the main campus. This can only be expected because majority of the residents in Bolila are subsistence farmers and small fishermen. The Bolila Extension, attached as it were with the main campus is saddled with the problem of non-continuance in studying secondary education because of scarce resources confronting the family and students.

When converted into Bolila National High School, the Extension will give the opportunity to the proposed high school to act independently and maximize its educational services, cope with the student population in the locality, show its capability as an independent and separate school and be given equal opportunities to exist and complete academically with other national high schools, promote functional literacy among less fortunate students in the suburbs, and provide employment opportunities.

Bolila National High School as being proposed for establishment are now using facilities donated by Vice Governor Franklin P. Bautista, specifically the four-classrooms makeshift building and one faculty office, administration office, stock room, Library, SSG office and clinic. Once approved, Budgetary Requirements
composed of Personnel Services, MOOE, and Capital Outlay need the allocation for its operations.

Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9155 states "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality basic education and to make such education accessible to all by providing all Filipino children a free and compulsory education in the high school level."

If only for the mandate of the Constitution that all Filipinos must be given the opportunity to be educated, passage of this Bill is highly recommended.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5388

Introduced by: HON. LORNA P. BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BOLILA, MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS BOLILA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SEC. 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Bolila, Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental to be known as the Bolila National High School.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of the Bolila National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Within one hundred twenty (120) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,