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Director III
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Ma'am:


Warm greetings from the Schools Division of Zamboanga Del Norte.

It is with a deep sense of proactivity and optimism that the undersigned would like to seek anew your endorsement of support to the proposed creation of a new Schools Division Office covering the entire 1st Congressional District districts and schools of this province.

This is concomitant to our receipt of herein attached copy of the House Bill No. 8854, An Act Creating a Separate Schools Division Office in the aforesaid district, from the Office of the Zamboanga Del Norte 1st Congressional District Representative, Hon. Romeo M. Jalosjos Jr, the date of receipt of which is just four (4) days removed from the date we sent to you our letter asking same endorsement for the legislation of Zamboanga Del Norte Schools Division Office II, covering the entirety of the 3rd Congressional district schools.

Looking forward for the immediate endorsement of this proposal to the House of Representatives. Thank You and More power.

Very truly yours,


MA. LIZA R. TABILON, EdD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

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Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

ATTY. ISAGANI S. AMATONG
Representative
3rd District Zamboanga Del Norte

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- Committee on Agriculture and Food
- Committee on Local Government
- Committee on Energy
- Committee on Transportation
- Committee on Basic Education and Culture
- Committee on Games and Amusements
- Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources
- Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Committee on Veterans Affairs
- Committee on Accounts
- Committee on Senior Citizens

February 22, 2021

MA. LIZA R. TABILON, EdD. CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent
Schools Division Office of Zamboanga del Norte
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Dear Dr. Tabilon,

Greetings!

Acting on your request for the sponsorship of a bill creating a new Schools Division Office, this representation has filed **House Bill No. 8784** or "**An Act Establishing in the Municipality of Liloy, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, a Separate Schools Division Office for the Third District of Zamboanga del Norte, and Appropriating Funds Therefor**" in the House of Representatives. Please see attached copy of H.B. No. 8784 for your reference.

In case the Committee of Basic Education and Culture of the House of Representatives asks for additional requirements for the passage of said bill, my legislative staff will coordinate with your office for the submission of the same.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Very truly yours,

ISAGANI S. AMATONG

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8784
HOUSE BILL NO. _____



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ISAGANI S. AMATONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to establish a separate Schools Division Office for all basic education schools in the 3rd District of Zamboanga del Norte, to be located in the Municipality of Liloy, Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

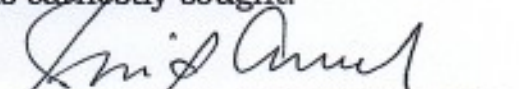
Schools division offices are the primary support structure in school operations. As such, they exercise direct administrative supervision over schools and align their functions and activities toward addressing the urgent problems at the school level.

At present, the Schools Division Office of Zamboanga del Norte, which has jurisdiction over the basic education schools in the 3rd District of Zamboanga del Norte, is located in Dipolog City. However, the distance from Dipolog City to Leon B. Postigo, the northernmost municipality under the 3rd District of Zamboanga del Norte, is approximately 105.8 kilometers, with average travel time of 2 hours and 25 minutes. On the other hand, the distance from Dipolog City to Sibucu, the southernmost municipality of the district, is approximately 283.7 kilometers, with average travel time of 6 hours and 24 minutes. Not only is this great distance and long travel physically taxing on teachers and principals who file documents and report to the Division Office, it also wastes a lot of their valuable time which would have otherwise been used for preparing their lessons, checking their students' works, and doing necessary works.

Moreover, for the school year 2020-2021, the Schools Division Office of Zamboanga del Norte has jurisdiction over 753 schools, 8,609 teachers, and 1,893 non-teaching employees. Ideally, a Schools Division should only comprise of 800 to 1000 teachers. This huge number of personnel under the existing Divisions Office creates difficulty in communication of immediate standard actions and memoranda.

It is also noteworthy that this proposal to create a separate Schools Division Office in the Third District of Zamboanga del Norte came from the existing Schools Division Office of Zamboanga del Norte itself. Thus, establishing a separate schools division office for the schools in the 3rd District of Zamboanga del Norte will not only help the teachers and principals, but will also improve the Department of Education's desire to provide efficient, effective, and responsive services to the constituents.

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


ISAGANI S. AMATONG

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8784

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY, PROVINCE OF
ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, A SEPARATE SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE
FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a Schools Division Office in the Municipality of Lilooy, Province of Zamboanga del Norte. The Schools Division Office shall have jurisdiction over all basic education schools in the Third District of Zamboanga del Norte.

The DepEd shall determine the staff complement and the qualification standards of the personnel assigned in the Schools Division Office.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Schools Division Office of the Third District of Zamboanga del Norte, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate and issue 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,

