[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9877, December 31, 2009]

AN ACT SEPARATING THE DAVAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SAN MIGUEL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN MIGUEL, CITY OF TAGUM, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE FROM THE DAVAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LAURETA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Separation and Conversion into a National High School. — The Davao National High School — Sam Miguel Annex in Barangay San Miguel, City of Tagum, Province of Davao del Norte is hereby separated from the Davao National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Laureta National High School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* — All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Davao National High School — Sitio Bot-Oan Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Laureta National High School.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* — The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's Program the operationalization of the Laureta National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Davao National High School — San Miguel Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. *Implementation.* — The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

Approved,

(Sgd.) JUAN PONCE ENRILE

President of Senate

(Sgd.) PROSPERO C. NOGRALES Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on September 2, 2008 and October 5, 2009, respectively.