

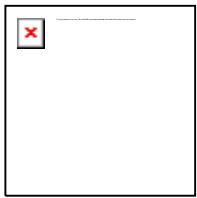
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Thank you & have a great day!

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Re: Transmittal of Guam Education Board (GEB) Resolution No. 2021-12

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero, Speaker Terlaje and Senator Nelson:

*Håfa Adai!* I am transmitting the attached Guam Education Board (GEB) Resolution 2021-12 as approved by the board in the GEB November regular meeting conducted on November 23, 2021.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (671)300-1547.

Senseramente,

  
JON J.P. FERNANDEZ

#### Attachments

cc: President, Mayor's Council of Guam  
President, Guam Federation of Teachers  
All Principals  
Division Heads

**GUAM EDUCATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-12**



**Introduced by:**

**Maria A. Gutierrez**

**RELATIVE TO REOPENING ALL GDOE SCHOOLS FOR FIVE DAYS OF  
INSTRUCTION FOR ALL STUDENTS FOLLOWING THE COVID-19 DELTA  
VARIANT IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY DURING SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022**

**WHEREAS**, on August 12, 2021, the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) opened all schools for five days of instruction for all students, including registered online students, in an effort to maximize instructional time during School Year 2021-2022 after being impacted and disrupted during School Year 2020-2021 by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, GDOE’s efforts included sustaining a multi-layered safety approach to mitigating the risk of COVID-19 spread within schools by requiring universal masking, ensuring that students and employees stay home when sick, frequently cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, maximizing physical distancing, implementing contact tracing, encouraging vaccination for employees and students, and other measures, as recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control as well as the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services; and

**WHEREAS**, as the result of the new COVID-19 Delta Variant, new COVID-19 cases on the island began to significantly increase beginning in early July due to community spread, raising the community risk levels to high levels by late August, which required Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero to issue Executive Order 2021-21, temporarily shutting down in-person learning for all public and private schools beginning August 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Leon Guerrero later determined that schools could safely reopen and issued Executive Order 2021-23, allowing in-person learning to commence as early as September 20, 2021, and letting schools and school districts decide how and when to reopen safely for their students and families; and

**WHEREAS**, GDOE Superintendent presented to the Guam Education Board (GEB) the recommendations of the District School Readiness Task Force to reopen on September 27, 2021, assigning students into one of two cohorts attending on alternating days, until such time as it could be determined that students could return safely based on the community risk levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the GEB and GDOE acknowledge that cohorts, while cutting instructional time essentially in half, provide an opportunity to support physical distancing during “high risk” of

community transmission but should be adjusted when the community risk returns to a safe level; and

**WHEREAS**, community risk levels peaked in mid-September but thereafter began to slowly decline and are now anticipated to be out of the “high risk” zone by late November, based on the GEB-adopted CDC dashboard being utilized by GDOE to provide weekly updates to stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, the GEB is confident that GDOE will continue to sustain and improve the safety measures at all schools and the GEB is pleased to see that the CDC has approved a vaccine for children 5 to 11, ensuring that all school-aged children now have an opportunity for vaccination against the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the GEB takes seriously its mandate to provide a minimum of 180 instructional days for all students as set forth in Public Law 28-45, the “Every Student is Entitled to an Adequate Education Act”;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the GEB hereby directs that all GDOE schools end cohorts and resume in-person instruction for all students, except those who are properly registered for online instruction, five days each week, effective Monday, November 29, 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the GEB further requests that Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero rescind the suspension of the truancy law contained in Executive Order 2021-21, in order to ensure that GDOE is able to enforce compulsory education for all students; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'haga' Guahan*; the Honorable Therese Terlaje, Speaker of the 36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature; the Honorable Telenia Nelson, Majority Leader of the 36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature and Chairwoman of the Committee on Education; the Honorable Jesse Alig, Mayor of Piti and President of the Mayors Council of Guam; Mr. Timothy Fedenko, President of the Guam Federation of Teachers; all GDOE school administrators and division heads; and members of the Islandwide Parent Teacher Organization.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE GUAM EDUCATION BOARD ON THIS 23rd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.**

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**MARK B. MENDIOLA**  
Chairman, Guam Education Board

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**JON J.P. HERNANDEZ**  
Executive Secretary, Guam Education Board