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GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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January 28, 2009

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D. Thirtieth Guam Legislature 253 West O'Brien Dr. Hagåtna, Guahan 96910

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Subject: Federal Funding Report

Buenas Yan Hafa Adai! Pursuant to Public Law 29-113, Chapter VI, section 26(b), the itemized payment(s) of disallowed cost of \$189,921.67 is herewith submitted.

Should you have any comments, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jacqueline Mesa Acting Comptroller at 475-0420.

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Attachment(s)

cc: Office of the Public Auditor

30-09-0152 Office of the Speaker Judith T. Won Pat. Ed Date Time Received

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS TO USDOE

Vendor Name: U.S. Department of Education

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Vendor #	Invoice Number	P.O. # or Direct Pmt. #	Amount of Payment
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21113	Audit Control #09-04-58489	DE08-0178	22,462.00
21113	Audit Control #09-06-10462	DE09-0007	24,449.00
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IF AN APPEAL HAS BEEN APPROVED, PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE	
If payment is not received by the due date, this debt will accrue interest	
charges at the rate established by the Department of Treasury. Unpaid balances	
over 90 days delinquent will be assessed at 6% per annum penalty charge and an	
administrative fee of \$200. For inquiries about this bill, please call ACCT-	
REP 4 on (202) 377-3844. Please reference Customer Number 3846 when you call	
the Department.	
Since you have not responded to previous demands for payment, additional	
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received by the due date, the Department of Education will employ one or more	
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Ms. Danieli:

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Thank you for working with the Department of Education to bring your liability current. We want to assist you in accomplishing your objective. Because you have agreed to submit payment, in full, covering the principal of \$140,176.00 plus the current interest to date of \$2,834.67 for a total of \$143,010.67, within the next couple of days, my supervisor has agreed to waive the penalty in an effort to help your school. The current penalty balance to date, being waived, is \$4,252.01. As we have discussed, I am providing you with a Fed-Wire form for your convenience. Please print out the form, fill in the blanks pertaining to your school and submit that form to your bank for transmittal.

If you have any problems with the transfer of funds, you may submit a check and send by Federal Express to the following address:

US Department of Education Receivables & Cash Receipts Team - Room No: 4C158 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C 20202-4330

Attn: Teresa Todd

Thank you very much.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Patricia Mark US Department of Education Debt Management Group Office of the Chief Financial Officer (202) 377-3850 (202) 275-4642 - Fax

"Pursue the things you love doing, and do them so well that people can't take their eyes off you. All other tangible rewards will come as a result."

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Auditee's Response:

GDOE stated that it would ensure that, during the set up of the budget for subsequent fiscal years, the mandatory level of effort requirements would be sufficient to meet the maintenance of effort requirement and would be included by GDOE as part of its budget request.

Assistant Secretary's Determination:

The Assistant Secretary sustains the auditor's finding and recommendation. With respect to the amount of questioned costs, the Assistant Secretary, based on the application of 34 CFR §300.233², finds that the amount of GDOE's maintenance of effort violation is \$22,462 rather than \$75,864. The maintenance of effort violation is 11.0%. 22.00. 36.292

Pursuant to IDEA Part B's maintenance of effort requirement, an LEA must, in any particular fiscal year, spend an amount of local funds, or a combination of State and local funds, for special education and related services for children with disabilities that, on either an aggregate or per capita basis, equals or exceeds the amount of local funds, or a combination of State and local funds, spent in the prior fiscal year for these purposes. See: 34 CFR §300.231(c).

The auditors found that GDOE, in FY 2004, reduced its local expenditures on special education and related services by \$75,864. The Department's review of GDOE child count data for FYs 2003 and 2004 indicates that, in determining compliance with the maintenance of effort requirements, the aggregate expenditure test, rather than the per capita test, was appropriate. The IDEA Part B regulations also set out certain exceptions to the maintenance of effort requirement.

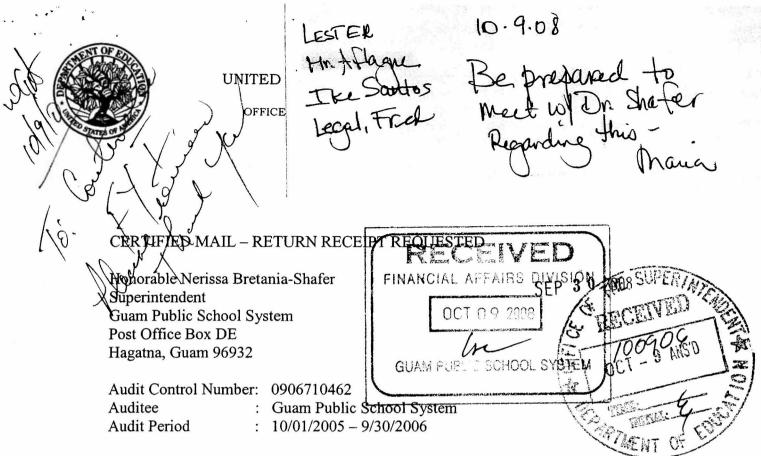
With respect to determining GDOE's compliance with the 34 CFR §300.231 in FY 2004, the Department found that 34 CFR §300.233(a) applies. This regulation provides that an LEA, when the total appropriation to carry out section 611 of the IDEA Part B exceeds \$4.1 billion, may treat up to 20 percent of the total amount of its IDEA-B Section 611 subgrant that exceeds the amount of that subgrant for the prior year as local funds. See 34 CFR §300.233(a)(1). Because Guam is a unitary system, the IDEA, Part B Section 611 awards from the Department should be treated, for purposes of applying 34 CFR §300.233(a)(1), as GDOE subgrants. For the base period, October 1, 2002 – Septem Der 30, 2003, GDOE's IDEA Part B section 611 award was \$12,629,887. For the period at issue in this audit, October 1, 2003 -September 30, 2004, GDOE's IDEA, Part B Section 611 award was \$12,896,899. Consequently, GDOE's fiscal year 2004 IDEA Part B section 611 subgrant exceeds its FY 2003 IDEA Part B section 611 subgrant by \$267,012. Under 34 CFR §300.233(a)(1), GDOE can treat 20% of this amount, \$53, 402, as local funds. This reduces the amount of its violation of the maintenance of effort provision set out at 34 CFR §300.231 to \$22,462.

² Unless otherwise noted, the citations to regulations in this program determination are to the regulations for Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, Part B) in effect for fiscal year 2004. New regulations for that program took effect on October 13, 2006. See: 71 FR 46540 (August 14, 2006).

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Dear Superintendent Bretania-Shafer:

This letter presents my determinations as the Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education for the findings in the audit report cited above for which I am responsible. This single audit was conducted by Deloitte & Touche LLP for the audit period October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006, pursuant to the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, as set forth in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) at 34 CFR § 80.26. These program determinations have been prepared after a careful review of the final audit report issued to the U.S. Department of Education (Department or ED) on January 22, 2008.

A detailed discussion of the program determinations is included in the enclosure to this letter. The monetary determinations in the enclosure constitute "a preliminary departmental decision" within the meaning of Section 452 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), 20 U.S.C.§ 1234a. The monetary determinations request <u>a total repayment of \$24,449</u> as explained in the enclosure. In any future correspondence with the Department concerning these determinations, please refer to the audit control number above.

Source of Repayment

When remitting repayment for this debt, your agency must use non-Federal funds or Federal funds for which accountability to the Federal government is not required.

Method of Repayment

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Checks should be made payable to the U.S. Department of Education and mailed to the following address:

U.S. Department of Education P.O. Box 952226 St. Louis, MO 63195-2226

The following identification data are applicable to this payment and must be placed on your check and any accompanying documents:

 DUNS Number:
 855023255

 Document Number:
 0906710462

Timing of Payment and Interest

Payment must be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the date you receive this letter, unless you file a timely appeal of the program determinations. If payment is not received or an acceptable appeal filed within this period, interest will accrue from the date of this letter on the unpaid portion of the refund demand. Interest will be charged at the rate established under 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and published by the Secretary of the Treasury in the <u>Federal Register</u> and the <u>Treasury Financial Manual</u> as in effect on the date of this letter.

Statute of Limitations

Your attention is directed to the statute of limitations provision of Section 452(k) of GEPA, 20 U.S.C. § 1234a(k). If you believe that portions of the program determinations are affected by this provision, you may submit documentation to this office to indicate the effect of this provision and/or you may raise the effect of the provision as part of an appeal before the Office of Administrative Law Judges (OALJ).

Appeal Rights

If your agency chooses to appeal the monetary determinations contained in the enclosure to this letter, you must file an application for review with the OALJ in accordance with the specific requirements regarding such filings that are published at 34 CFR §§ 81.12 and 81.37. The application must be filed within sixty (60) calendar days from the date you receive this written notice and may be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service to the following address:

Office of Administrative Law Judges c/o Docket Clerk Office of Hearings and Appeals U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20202-4615

If your agency wishes to file the application by hand, private messenger, or other private carrier, the appropriate address is as follows:

Office of Administrative Law Judges c/o Docket Clerk Office of Hearings and Appeals U.S. Department of Education 490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W. Suite 2100A, 2nd Floor Washington, D.C. 20024

If your agency wishes to file the application by facsimile transmission, please consult the requirements contained in 34 C.F.R. § 81.12, and contact the OALJ for the fax number. You may contact the Docket Clerk, OALJ, at (202) 619-9700, concerning this or any other questions that you have on the procedures for filing an application for review.

The Department official who signs a program determination letter containing a monetary determination that is appealed to the OALJ becomes a "party" under the regulations in 34 CFR Part 81. Therefore, a copy of the application must also be sent to the Department official who issued the determination that is being appealed. Your agency should forward a copy of the appeal application to:

Kerri L. Briggs, Ph.D. Assistant Secretary Office of Elementary and Secondary Education U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20202-6100 Attn: Delores Warner, Room 3W330

An application for review must contain:

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- A copy of this notice;
- A statement certifying the date your agency received this notice;
- A short and plain statement of the disputed issues of law and fact, your agency's position with respect to those issues, and identity of the disallowed funds that your agency contends need not be returned;
- A statement of the facts and the reasons that support your agency's position; and

• A statement certifying the date the application was served on the Department official who issued the determination that is being appealed.

If the OALJ accepts your appeal, you may request mediation by an independent mediator agreed to by your agency and the Department official who issued the determination that is being appealed.

Thank you for your cooperation in the resolution of this audit.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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