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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendent of Education

FROM: Education Suruhanu

SUBJECT: DOE/FBLG departmental guidelines, policies, and/or procedures concerning harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying.

Office of the Speaker
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
Date: 10/14/09
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Dear Dr. Bretania Underwood:

I recently received a phone call from an individual who reported that a student at FBLG may have been a victim of alleged bullying while on campus committed by another FBLG student on at least two separate occasions this school year. The caller stated that the alleged perpetrator has taken from the alleged victim various personal items, including but not limited to books, binders, and pens. The caller also indicated that she reported the incident to the Principal but she also indicated that she was not very pleased with some of the comments the Principal provided. As a result, she will be following up with the Principal shortly and she may bring this matter to the attention of your office as well.

As you know, P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (I) requires public schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. Bullying of a student may be considered an action that is not specifically included in the 14 Points but may however impede the delivery of an adequate public education. The safety of all students especially when bullying has been reported is of major concern that requires immediate action on DOE's part.

In addition, 17 GCA § 3112.1 requires DOE and the schools to comply with specific requirements pertaining to harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying. Although the individual has not yet filed a formal complaint with my office, I am requesting that DOE provide my office with DOE/FBLG departmental guidelines, policies, and/or procedures dealing with harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying, including but not limited to the following:

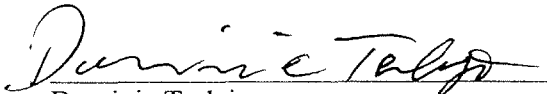
1. DOE's/FBLG's bullying prevention task force and the date when such task force was established;
2. DOE's/FBLG's prevention, intervention, and remediation programs and the date when such program or programs were established;
3. DOE's/FBLG's established efforts that involve the school community, law enforcement, assistance organizations, and community members and the dates when such efforts took place;
4. FBLG's school officials' training to the school community and/or volunteers on FBLG's harassment, intimidation, or bullying policies and the dates when such training took place;
5. FBLG's established process for discussing the harassment, intimidation, or bullying policy with pupils as part of the FBLG curriculum, the date when such process was established, and the dates when such discussions took place; and

6. FBLG's established efforts to incorporate information regarding FBLG's policy against harassment, intimidation, or bullying into FBLG's employee training program, the date when such efforts were established, and the date when such efforts were incorporated into FBLG's employee training program.

Please provide the above-requested information in writing to my office within 10 working days of receipt of this correspondence.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Respectfully,


Dominic Terlaje

cc:

Honorable Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D., 30th Guam Legislature
Chairman, Guam Education Policy Board