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 Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Speaker, 30th Guam Legislature
 Dr. Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Superintendent of Education
 Joe S. San Agustin, Chairman, Guam Education Policy Board
 From: Education Suruhanu
 Subject: October 2009 Report.

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Notes from the Education Suruhanu.

Each month the Office of the Education Suruhanu provides a report summarizing its activities. The Education Suruhanu investigates any complaints of a person alleging violations of any of the Fourteen (14) Points of the Every Child is Entitled to an Adequate Public Education Act, P.L. 28-45. After completing an investigation, the Education Suruhanu informs the complainant of the conclusion or recommendation in writing and if appropriate, any action taken or to be taken by GPSS. In addition, the Education Suruhanu is authorized to perform inspections of the public schools to ensure compliance with the Fourteen (14) Points. The Education Suruhanu may perform such inspections on its own or with the assistance of various Government of Guam Regulatory Agencies. When working to fulfill the obligations of the office, the Education Suruhanu acts independently, informally, and neutrally. It is the role of the office to approach its duties as a neutral fact finder rather than as an advocate. The information in this report highlights the activities of October 2009.

Complaint Report.

Issue	Status	Conclusion/Recommendation	Action taken
A/C unit not working properly in room 29 at the Agueda Johnston Middle School.	Complaint accepted. Case closed.	Non compliance. The A/C unit affected was recently installed and has been reported not working on three different occasions. A/C unit should be repaired or replaced immediately.	Violation corrected. A/C unit was repaired on or about October 7, 2009. The A/C vendor replaced the condenser unit.
Anonymous complaint about student discipline matters.	Complaint not accepted.	N/A	N/A
Anonymous complaint about DOE employee personnel matters	Complaint not accepted.	N/A	N/A
Anonymous complaint about DOE employee payroll matters	Complaint not accepted.	N/A	N/A

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Lack of school personnel to monitor student activity at the Southern High School campus.	Investigation ongoing.	Not available at this time.	N/A
Ceiling leak and presence of mold/mildew on classroom walls and ceiling in C-303 at the Oceanview Middle School.	Complaint accepted. Case closed.	Non compliance. Observed ceiling leak and mold/mildew on ceiling and walls. Recommended that class be re-located to a more suitable classroom.	Violation corrected. Students in room C-303 were assigned to room C-301 and C-302. Room C-303 is closed for use and is scheduled to be repaired.
Ceiling tiles missing in room A-18 at the Benavente Middle School.	Complaint accepted. Case closed.	Non compliance. Observed ceiling tiles missing and A/C unit was also not working properly. Room temperature measured approximately 87° F.	Violation corrected. Ceiling tiles were installed and A/C unit was repaired.
FQ Sanchez Nurse being assigned one day out of the week to provide nursing services at the Southern High School.	Investigation ongoing.	Not available at this time.	N/A
One Teacher at the FQ Sanchez Elementary School assigned to teach two different grade levels. (Lack of certified teacher)	Investigation ongoing.	Not available at this time.	N/A

School inspection report. Pursuant to P.L. 28-45, the OES conducted inspections at the following schools. For each school, an inspection report was prepared noting the various discrepancies and such report was submitted to the Superintendent's office.

1. Finegayan Elementary School. The following discrepancies were noted.
 - a. Four water fountains found inoperable.
 - b. Air conditioning drain water draining directly onto walkway.
 - c. Open drain pipes in the area where the temporary rooms previously existed.
 - d. Ceiling leaks in various classrooms.
 - e. Ceiling leaks at various walkways/hallways.
 - f. Presence of termites.
 - g. Lack of any sanitary supplies in the common use restrooms.
 - h. Insufficient amount of urinals in order to meet the male student population.
 - i. No toilet tissue or paper towels in boys cafeteria restroom.
 - j. Fire alarm system inoperable.
 - k. No certified librarian.

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2. Oceanview Middle School. The following discrepancies were noted.
 - a. Trash bin/dumpster area observed to have trash/rubbish scattered along side such area.
 - b. Outer openings into classrooms on window louvers and classroom doors.
 - c. Various classroom light fixture covers/light shields not properly secured to light fixture.
 - d. Fire extinguisher annual service date expired.
 - e. Fire alarm system inoperable.
 - f. Inadequate ventilation in various classrooms.
 - g. Student desk tops in disrepair in various classrooms.
 - h. Ceiling leaks in various classrooms.
 - i. Overgrown vegetation and/or vegetation waste located on roof tops of various buildings.
 - j. Boys E wing restroom without any sanitary supplies.
 - k. Girls E wing restroom without toilet tissue and paper towels.
 - l. Ceiling leak in library computer room.
 - m. Window screens in disrepair at various locations.
 - n. Missing self-closing devices on various classroom entry doors.
 - o. Ceiling leak in room B-202.
 - p. Various toilet stalls in the girls B wing restroom without toilet tissue dispensers and entrance door without self-closing device.
 - q. B wing boys restroom without soap, toilet tissue dispensers missing, and no self-closing device on entry door.
 - r. Bare wood (unpainted or untreated wood) at various locations.
 - s. Severe water leak at the fiberglass water storage tank.
 - t. Ceiling leak in main office.
 - u. Water appears to be rising up from the floor in the female restroom facility located in the main office.

3. Untalan Middle School. The following discrepancies were noted.
 - a. Trash bin/dumpster area observed to have trash/rubbish scattered along side such area.
 - b. Bare wood (unpainted or treated wood) at various locations.
 - c. Outer openings located in back entrance area of cafeteria.
 - d. Inadequate ventilation and/or A/C units not working properly in various classrooms
 - e. Storm water drainage inlet possibly clogged.
 - f. Various areas of the wood and tin canopy located near the 7th grade classrooms in disrepair.
 - g. T-4 classroom floor in disrepair.
 - h. Soft spots at various locations of the T-9 classroom floor.
 - i. 7th grade restrooms closed because of little to no water pressure.
 - j. Ceiling cracks at various areas of the Library.
 - k. Various restroom soap dispensers missing or in disrepair.
 - l. Standing rain water located in the courtyard near the main office.
 - m. One school aide assigned to monitor approximately 60 to 70 students in one classroom.
 - n. One Physical Education Class and one Language Arts class lacking a certified teacher.
 - o. The individual assigned to operate the library is not a certified librarian.
 - p. Based on the school population, the school should employ an LPN or nurse aide.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of November 2009.


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