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TO: Superintendent of Education
FROM: Education Suruhanu
SUBJECT: OES inspection report for FBLG

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Dear Dr. Bretania Underwood:

Attached to this memorandum is a report identifying discrepancies discovered during an inspection of the FBLG Middle School that occurred on January 26, 2010. The inspection was performed by my office only. I strongly recommend that GDOE address the discrepancies identified and rectify them immediately in order to come into compliance with the Fourteen (14) Points of P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) and any other applicable regulatory code. Please be advised that not all classrooms or school facilities were inspected. Therefore, GDOE is highly encouraged to assess all other classrooms and school facilities in order to identify any other discrepancies and perform corrective action accordingly.

Please submit to my office GDOE's proposed plan of corrective action for each of the discrepancies identified in the report, including but not limited to the date when any such discrepancy will be addressed and the date when any such discrepancy would be rectified.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominic Terlaje

Attachment: OES inspection report

cc:

- Honorable Speaker, 30th Guam Legislature
- Chairman, GEPB
- Billy Cruz, GDOE Facilities and Maintenance Manager (via email)
- FBLG School Administration (via email)

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School Inspection Report

PUBLIC LAW 28-45: 14 POINTS COMPLIANCE

School Representative: Mr. Mark, Principal Date and Time of Inspection: January 26, 2010 Weather Condition: Sunny, warm, and dry.	Name of School: FBLG
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#	Location	14 Point at issue (a-n)	Type of Citation (PH=DPHSS, F=Fire Dept, E=EPA, S=Suruhanu)	Date of Citation	D e m e r i t s	Description of Finding	Comments	Recommendations
	E5 & E7 (SPED classrooms)	f&l	S	1/26/10	N/A	The A/C units in each room are inoperable. Both teachers indicated that their room has been without air conditioning for approximately one month. E7 room temperature measured approximately 85° F with a relative humidity (RH) of 65% with no students in the room. E5 room temperature measured approximately 83° F with a RH of 66.5% with students present. Each teacher also indicated that the room becomes much warmer and more humid around late morning and in the afternoon.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (f) requires schools to provide air conditioned or properly ventilated classrooms in which the sensible air temperature is no greater than 78 ° F. The SSC requires school equipment to be maintained, kept clean, and in good repair. The Department of Public Health (DPH) School Sanitation Code (SSC) requires that ventilation shall be adequate to provide proper circulation of needed air within a room by either windows or mechanical ventilators. The SSC requires that when mechanical ventilation is provided, it shall be kept clean and in good repair. Work requests reporting the problem have been submitted. <u>NOTE:</u> The teacher in E7 stated that a comfortable room temperature is necessary in her classroom in order to meet the needs of some of her students.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. In the alternative, provide additional fans or other mechanical devices in order to properly ventilate the classroom. If room temperature cannot be improved or conditions worsen, students must be re-located to a more suitable room. DOE must respond timely to reports of such discrepancies especially where comfortable room temperatures cannot be maintained. In order to timely address the many reports of A/C units not working or not cooling properly, additional A/C vendors should be procured.
	H7, A4, & E9	f&l	S	1/26/10	N/A	A/C units not working or not cooling properly with students present. H7 room temperature measured 82° F with a RH of 61%. A4 room temperature measured 83° F with a RH of 64%. Room E9 room temperature measured 86 ° F with a RH of 65%.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. H7 A/C unit recently went down, A4 A/C unit was reported not working since mid November 2009 and E9 A/C unit was reported not working since December 2009. Work requests reporting such problems have been submitted.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. If room temperature cannot be improved or conditions worsen, students must be re-located to a more suitable room.

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	Campus	l	S	1/26/10	N/A	Observed paint peeling at various parts of the campus, ceiling leaks in various rooms, and several exposed rebar and exposed concrete on various hall way ceilings.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires walls and ceilings to have surfaces of light color, have a flat finish, be kept clean, and in good repair. The DOE safety office should be informed of the exposed rebar and the exposed concrete on the ceiling as it could present a possible safety hazard for students and others.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. An assessment of the ceiling should be performed as exposed rebar and chipped and exposed concrete could indicate that the ceiling integrity may be compromised.
	Campus	g & l	S	1/26/10	N/A	Observed water fountain in disrepair.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (g) requires public schools to provide each student a daily ration of drinking water. P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires drinking fountains to be provided in the ratio of one for every 75 students. The SSC also requires that drinking fountains be kept clean and in good repair.	Repair and/or replace immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Based on the student population of approximately 1,100, the school is required to provide approximately 15 properly working drinking fountains.
	Campus	l	S	1/26/10	N/A	Observed several used tires throughout the campus.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires the school site to be free of potential sources of insect breeding. The SSC requires school buildings to be free of insects and conditions that provide harborage and promote breeding of vermin. Vermin are defined as various small insects, that are destructive, annoying, or injurious to health. Tires could be seen as a potential source of mosquito breeding because water often enters and remains.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Remove used tires from campus and properly dispose them. In the alternative, fill the tires with material that would prevent water from entering and collecting inside the tire.

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E wing common use restrooms	j & l	S	1/26/10	N/A	Closed during lunch time to students who are on lunch break. Students on lunch break are not allowed in such area and are directed to the Cafeteria restrooms.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (j) requires schools to provide proper sanitation. P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. According to DPHSS, student common use restrooms must be available, open, and in good working order in order to accommodate the student population. NOTE: A student from an E wing classroom was observed using a key to open the boys restroom entry door during the time such restroom was closed.	Ensure that student common use restrooms are made available throughout the school day unless otherwise advised by the appropriate regulatory agency.
Campus	l	S	1/26/10	N/A	Observed various items such as computers, several student desks, and other items being stored just outside the nurse's office.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires school grounds to be kept clean and free of rubbish. GEPA also requires solid waste to be removed from campus and properly disposed.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. School equipment, furniture and other items marked for survey should be quickly assessed and timely removed from campus.

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	Campus	I	S	1/26/10	N/A	Observed various hallways and classrooms with evidence of ceiling leaks. School officials also indicated that various rooms are experience ceiling leaks.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires that walls and ceilings have surfaces of light color and flat finish and shall be kept clean and in good repair. Walls shall be finished with easily cleanable material. School officials indicated that work is currently being performed to repair the ceiling leaks.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Reports of ceiling leaks should be addressed and rectified immediately especially in rooms where students are present. Quality control over such work should be conducted as necessary by qualified personnel especially during the course of the project in order to ensure that such work is properly performed. Such efforts could identify potential problems before the project is completed which may prevent the work from having to be redone.
	Boys restroom and locker room in the gym.	I	S	1/26/10	N/A	Observed evidence of termites. Dry rot wood on door jams and on an entry door located within the restroom.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires doors to be in good repair. The SSC requires all areas and facilities to be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and kept in good repair. The SSC requires school buildings to be free of insects and conditions that provide harborage and promote breeding of vermin. Vermin are defined as various small insects, that are destructive, annoying, or injurious to health. School officials indicated that a work request has been submitted for this problem. School officials also indicated that the school was last treated for termites in March 2009.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Proper pest control services should be performed as necessary. Damaged items should be replaced immediately, Frequent monitoring of such area should be performed as this is the same area that was cited in the March 2009 inspection for such discrepancy and which was corrected in late March 2009.

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	Boys restroom in the gym	g & l	S	1/26/10	N/A	All three hand washing sink faucet handles are in disrepair. The PE teacher indicated that the water has to be turned on and off at the shut-off valve located under the sink.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (g) requires schools to provide potable water sufficient to provide each student a daily ration of washing water. P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires hand washing facilities to be maintained and in good repair.	Repair and/or replace immediately in order to come into compliance with the law.
	Campus	l	S	1/26/10	N/A	Observed several fire extinguishers annual service date expired. <u>NOTE:</u> A few fire extinguishers were observed to be properly serviced but the majority of the ones observed were expired.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires that fire extinguishers be provided. The SSC requires all school equipment to be in good working order. GFD requires fire extinguishers to be properly serviced. School officials indicated that an assessment has been performed on all the fire extinguishers and that vendors have been identified. However, the date in which the school is expected to receive a sufficient amount of properly serviced fire extinguishers is not yet known.	Re-service, replace, and/or repair immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. GDOE Safety Office should determine the number of fire extinguishers required for the school and ensure that they are made available and in good working order. Monthly monitoring of the fire extinguishers should include monitoring the annual service date in addition to the charge status and the safety pin seal.
	Campus	l	S	1/26/10	N/A	Fire alarm system inoperable.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment.	Repair and/or replace immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. The approved Fire Watch Program must continue until such time as the school's fire alarm system becomes fully operational.

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	Campus	l	S	1/26/10	N/A	Missing screen underneath various storm water drainage inlets.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. GEPA requires the installation of such screens in order to ensure that the drainage system remains free from any unnecessary obstruction.	Install appropriate material as necessary in order to come into compliance with the law.
	Guidance counselor office	c	S	1/26/10	N/A	Three individuals currently assigned to perform guidance counselor services at the school are not certified guidance counselors.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (c) requires schools to provide certified guidance counselors.	The law does not currently provide for any exceptions to this requirement. Therefore, the matter must be addressed and rectified immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. GDOE should identify individuals already within GDOE who may possess the necessary qualifications and assign them to serve as guidance counselors at the school.
	Nurse office	N/A	N/A	1/26/10	N/A	Lack of LPN or nurse aide.	According to the Board Union contract, when a school's population exceeds 700, an LPN or nurse aide is required in addition to the assigned school nurse.	Because FBLG's student population is approximately 1,100, an LPN or nurse aide should be assigned to assist the assigned school nurse.
	Campus	l	S	1/26/10	N/A	Observed various A/C unit drip water draining onto various hallway floors.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires floors to be kept clean and maintained. The SSC requires mechanical ventilation (A/C units) to be properly maintained.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Presence of water continuously draining onto hallway floors where students travel should be addressed and rectified immediately in order to prevent possible slip and fall injuries.