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To: Superintendent of Education
 From: Education Suruhanu
 Subject: Ordot Chalan Pago Elementary School Inspection

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Dear Dr. Bretania Underwood:

An inspection of the Ordot Chalan Pago Elementary School campus occurred on January 29, 2010. The agencies that participated in the inspection were the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA), and our office. As a result of the inspection, DPHSS issued a letter grade "A" for the school building with a total of eight (8) demerits. In addition, DPHSS issued a letter grade "A" for the Cafeteria with four (4) demerits. GEPA also issued an inspection report detailing the discrepancies discovered. However, GEPA does not issue demerit points for such discrepancies.

P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) of the Adequate Public Education Act (the Act), requires Public Schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. However, the Act does not provide for a time frame to come into compliance for the noted discrepancies/violations. As such, GDOE should rectify such discrepancies/violations immediately. In addition, Title 10 G.C.A. Chapter 21 states that violations identified in a DPHSS inspection report must be corrected within a specific time frame. When an inspection yields a demerit score of 20 or less, all violations of two (2) or four (4) demerit points must be corrected within a period of time not to exceed 30 days. See 10 G.C.A. § 21107 (2) (a).


The school building received a demerit score of eight (8) and the Cafeteria received a demerit score of four (4) therefore, the two (2) and four (4) demerit point items listed in the DPHSS inspection report must be corrected within 30 days from the date of the inspection. Although there is no reported time frame in which to correct the discrepancies noted by GEPA, any such discrepancies should be corrected immediately.

I strongly recommend that GDOE address all discrepancies/violations identified in the inspection reports and rectify them immediately in order to come into compliance with the various regulatory agency codes, with the various provisions of the Fourteen (14) Points of the Act, and/or with any other applicable laws or rules. Because not all the school's classrooms or school's facilities were inspected, GDOE is highly encouraged to assess all other classrooms and school facilities in order to identify any other discrepancies and perform the necessary corrective action.

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Please submit to my office in writing, GDOE's plan to rectify each of the discrepancies/violations identified in any such inspection report, including but not limited to the measure taken or to be taken to rectify the discrepancy/violation and the date when such discrepancy/violation was rectified or would be rectified.

Respectfully submitted,



Dominic Terlaje

Attachment: Inspection Report

cc:

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

Government of Guam
Office of the Education Suruhanu (OES)
School Inspection Report

PUBLIC LAW 28-45: 14 POINTS COMPLIANCE

School Representative: Ms. Duenas, Principal Date and Time of Inspection: January 29, 2010 Weather Condition: Warm, sunny, and dry. Letter Grade: School building: "A" eight demerits / Cafeteria: "A" four demerits	Name of School: ORDOT CHALAN PAGO
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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
Campus	1	PH & S	1/29/10	2	Overgrown vegetation/Several bamboo from the adjacent landowner's property have spread on school property.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The Department of Public Health (DPH) School Sanitation Code (SSC) requires that school grounds to be free of overgrown vegetation. Village Mayors are mandated by law to provide grounds maintenance services to the schools. The Principal indicated that the Mayor is scheduled to meet with the landowner to address this matter.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law.
6,7,8, & 9	1	PH & S	1/29/10	2	Observed various rooms with dark stained floors.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires school floors to be kept clean and in good repair.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Floors should be properly cleaned as necessary. Request the private custodial vendor to perform such work after school hours.
Campus	1	S	1/29/10	N/A	Fire alarm system inoperable	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment.	Approved Fire Watch Program must remain in effect.

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Campus	I	PH & S	1/29/10	4	Observed that the annual service date for several of the fire extinguishers expired several months ago.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires fire extinguishers be provided and that they be in good working order. GFD has informed GDOE that such matter must be corrected immediately. Although the school had six properly serviced fire extinguishers, the remainder were not serviced. An adequate number of properly working and serviced fire extinguishers must be provided as required by the department of public safety and/or GFD. The Principal indicated that the vendor is expected to deliver additional fire extinguishers sometime next week.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. The GDOE Safety Office should develop a master list of all the schools and log the annual service dates for all fire extinguishers and to assist or provide reminders to school officials in advance of the annual service expiration date of any such fire extinguishers. In addition, the DOE Safety Office should coordinate with the fire extinguisher vendor well in advance of the expiration date of the fire extinguishers or when fire extinguishers are reported in disrepair in order to ensure that a sufficient amount of properly working fire extinguishers are available in the schools. Proper planning and scheduling should be a priority concerning the availability of working fire extinguishers to ensure that student safety is not compromised. As part of the monthly monitoring of the fire extinguishers, the annual service expiration date should also be monitored.
Cafeteria	I	PH & S	1/29/10	2	Walk in chiller door is in disrepair. (Not cooling properly)	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. Section 7.201 of the Department of Public Health and Social Services Rule and Regulations relative to Eating and Drinking Establishments (Eating and Drinking Rules) requires such doors to be maintained in good repair.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Repair and/or replace walk in chiller door to ensure that the chill unit maintains the proper temperature of 45° F or below.

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Cafeteria	I	PH & S	1/29/10	2	Observed burnt out light bulbs throughout the cafeteria dining area.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (I) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. Adequate lighting should be provided and good working order. The school is experiencing difficulty in replacing many of the dining hall light bulbs as necessary because the light fixtures are located high in the ceiling which requires equipment other than a ladder to reach such fixtures.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Replace burnt out light bulbs as necessary. DOE should provide the proper equipment for the safe removal and installation of such light bulbs.
Campus	I	E & S	1/29/10	N/A	Observed stockpiling of green waste along parking lot fence.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (I) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. GEPA requires green waste to be removed from campus and disposed of properly.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law.
Ponding Basins	I	E & S	1/29/10	N/A	Observed over grown vegetation located within the ponding basin area.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (I) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. GEPA requires ponding basins to be properly maintained.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Contact the party authorized to enter the ponding basin and request that the area be maintained on a regular basis as is required by GEPA.
Area behind room 18 and 16	I	E & S	1/29/10	N/A	Observed two cleanout covers missing.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (I) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. GEPA requires such cleanout system to be in good repair.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Repair and/or replace to ensure that such access system is properly sealed.
Outside library	I	E & S	1/29/10	N/A	Observed standing rain water.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (I) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. GEPA requires standing water to be removed and that sources causing standing rain water be rectified.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Remove any standing rain water as necessary. Standing rain water may also present other issues such as mosquito breeding and slip and fall hazards.

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1	Area near the front exit gate	1	E & S	1/29/10	N/A	Missing 1/2 inch screen at the storm drain 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 screen under the drainage inlets to prevent foreign objects from entering the drain system possibly clogging such system.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law.