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February 11, 2010

To:

Superintendent of Education

From:

Education Suruhanu

Subject:

Inarajan Elementary School Inspection

Dear Dr. Bretania Underwood:

An inspection of the Inarajan Elementary School campus occurred on February 11, 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 six (6) demerits. In addition, DPHSS issued a letter grade "A" for the Cafeteria with eight (8) 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) (1) 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 six (6) and the Cafeteria received a demerit score of eight (8) 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.

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) Inarajan Elementary School Principal/Assistant Principal (via email)

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

PUBLIC LAW 28-45: 14 POINTS COMPLIANCE

School Representative: Mrs. Taimanglo, Assistant Principal

Date and Time of Inspection: February 10, 2010

Weather Condition: Sunny and warm.

Student Population: 246

School building received a letter grade "A" with 6 demerits. Cafeteria received a letter grade "A" with 8 demerits.

School: Inarajan Elementary

1	Location (Rm. #, Bldg.)	14 Point at issue (a-n)	Type of Citation (PH=DPHSS, F=Fire Dept, E=EPA, S=Suruhanu	Date Cited	D e m e s r i	Description of Finding	Comments	Recommendations
The second section of the section of	Campus	1	PH & S	2/10/10		1		Address and rectify immediately in order to come int compliance with the law. Pest control company show be contacted to conduct proper treatment for the removal of vectors as necessary.
1	A-109, A-107, E 105, B-109, B- 103	f&t	PH&S	2/10/10	2	A/C units not working.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (1) 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 SSC requires that ventilation shall be adequate to provide proper circulation of needed air within a toom by either windows or mechanical ventilations. The SSC requires that when mechanical ventilation is provided, it shall be kept clean and in good repair. Public Health considers temperatures above 85 ° F inadequate. In the event a classroom temperature measures above 85 ° F, Public Health may require the closure of such room until such measures can be taken to improve air circulation so that the room temperature can be adequately maintained.	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-loca to a more suitable room. A/C unit filters should be clea on a regular and ongoing basis or as necessary.

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Cafeteria		PH & S	2/10/10	2	A/C units in disrepair.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (1) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The Department of Public Health and Social Services Rules and Regulations relative to Eating and Drinking Establishments requires all attached equipment to be in good repair. The SSC requires school equipment to be maintained, kept clean, and in good repair. The 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 ventilators. The SSC requires that when mechanical ventilation is provided, it shall be kept clean and in good repair. Public Health considers temperatures above 85 ° F, inadequate. In the event room temperature measures above 85 ° F, Public Health may require the closure of such room until such measures can be taken to improve air circulation so that the room temperature can be adequately maintained.	compliance with the law. A/C unit filters shou on a regular and ongoing basis or as necessary	ald be cleane
Cafeteria	1	PH & S	2/10/10	4	Observed personal food items stored within cafeteria chill unit.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (1) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The Department of Public Health and Social Services Rules and Regulations relative to Eating and Drinking Establishments requires all food products must be properly protected during storage.		
Cafetena		PH & S	2/10/10	2	Observed burnt out light bulbs in dining area.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (1) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The Department of Public Health and Social Services Rules and Regulations relative to Eating and Drinking Establishments requires all equipment to be in good working order.	Address and spatial property and the sector of the sector	

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Campus		E & S	2/10/10	N/A	Overgrown vegetation within	ponding basins to be properly maintained and any green waste must be properly disposed.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Contact the party responsible or authorized to enter the ponding basin and request that the area be maintained on a regular basis as is required by GEPA.
Campus	1	E&S	2/10/10	N/A	Missing 1/2 inch screen at the storm drain inlets.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (I) 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 which may possibly clog such system.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come interpolation compliance with the law.
Campus	1	P11 & S	2/10/10	N/A	Observed stockpiling of green waste and other solid waste near room C-106, C-101, C-103, and B-108.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (1) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. GEPA requires green waste and solid waste to be removed from the campus and disposed of properly.	
Campus	1	PH & S	2/10/10	N/A	School was without supply of required paper towels.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (1) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (j) requires schools to provide proper sanitation. The SSC requires soap and single-service paper towels to be provided and made available at all times. A heated air hand-drying device is acceptable in place of the single-service paper towel dispenser. A sufficient inventory of supplies should be made readily available on the school campus Requests for supplies should be entertained immediately. School staff indicated the school has been without paper towels since Monday the 8th. Paper towels were provided and stocked in the dispensers during the course of the investigation but please be advised that replenishing supplies should be ongoing and not merely in response to an inspection.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come in compliance with the law. A restroom without sanit supplies could present various health concerns for students. DOE must exhaust all efforts to ensure the sanitary supplies are provided and made available in student restrooms at all times throughout the entire school day.