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February 12, 2010

Honorable Felix P. Camacho  
Governor of Guam  
Hagatna, Guam

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Re: Department of Education Financial Status

Dear Governor Camacho:

Hafa Adai! As you know, over the past several months the Department of Education has had to use local funds for the salaries and benefits of employees that are funded by the Consolidated Grant. To date we have spent up to \$4.5 million in our effort to sustain the programs and ensure that the services to our students are not disrupted. Today, given the shortage of cash collections, the Department of Administration was only able to release \$500,000, which is \$2.3 million short of what is needed to pay payroll vendors for locally funded employees and those who are funded by the Consolidated Grant.

We fully understand the dire financial condition in which the Government is operating. However, DOE will not be able to continue paying the salaries and benefits of more than 500 federally funded employees unless additional cash is released. DOE also has not been able to pay non-payroll vendors because to date DOA has not remitted more than \$7 million of our approved allotment.

On January 27, 2010 I sent a letter to Phil Maestri requesting approval to draw down on the FFY 2008 carryover funds. I provided a copy of that letter to you. To date I have not received a written response to my request, although email messages from the Consolidated Grant program specialist has indicated that the documents are under review.

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I implore your assistance in identifying a source of funding that can be used until we get the approval from USDOE. This will be reimbursable.

We do not want to disrupt the services to our students. But I am sure you know that I cannot allow our employees to continue working without an adequate funding source. As such, in light of our financial situation I will have to notify employees funded by the Consolidated Grant on Monday, February 15, 2010 to cease working effective Monday, February 22, 2010 unless an additional \$700,000 is released to DOE every pay period.

Attached is a list of programs as well as the number of employees and students that will be affected if funding is not available. I hope we can work together to prevent a disruption of instructional services and undue anxiety and hardship to employees that will be affected.

On behalf of our 31,600 students and 4000 employees, thank you for all the help you've given DOE.

**Respectfully,**

  
**Nerissa Bretania Underwood**  
**Superintendent of Education**

Attachment

CC: Chairperson, Guam Education Policy Board  
Speaker, 30<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
Guam Congressional Representative  
Chairman, Committee of Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance,  
Retirement and Land  
Director, USDOE Risk Management

FY 09 CONSOLIDATED GRANT

2/15/2010

PROGRAM	Students				Teachers				Principals/Administrators				Program Staff			
	pre-K	K-5	Middle	High	Pre-K	K-5	Middle	High	Pre-K	K-5	Middle	High	Pre-K	K-5	Middle	High
1 Local Educaiton Reform - Standards and Assessment II	0	13,851	6,845	9,633	0	1,028	492	496	0	50	27	23	0	0	0	0
2 Reading and Math Reform - Direct Instruction Program	0	5,555	0	0	0	338	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Success For All	0	4,826	0	0	0	267	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elementary School Reform Program (ESR)	0	3,470	0	0	0	302	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary School Reform Program (SSR) - John Hopkins Talent Development	0	0	461	1,538	0	0	43	94	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
3 Teacher Retention Program	0	1,500	3,500	3,500	0	40	30	30	0	19	14	8	0	0	0	0
4 Expanded Learning Opportunities - PFC	0	2,664	4,474	918	0	0	0	0	0	25	7	5	0	8	8	6
DEED	0	2,891	0	0	0	141	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	4	0	0
Summer School Based	0	11,880	5,134	7,225	0	56	28	136	0	26	8	5	0	0	0	0
Eskuelan Puengi	0	0	0	767	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
School Resource Officer	494	13,851	6,845	9,633	20	1,003	530	510	0	48	27	22	0	0	0	0
English as a Second Language (ESL)	0	6,204	3,165	4,452	0	55	29	19	0	26	8	5	0	10	3	3
5 Alternative Education	0	0	100	100	0	0	6	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Career Technical Education - Cooperative Education Program -(GCC)	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
6 Technology Education Program-(GCC)	0	0	0	2,300	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Integrating Science and Allied Health (ISSAH) Program - (GCC)	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
7 Gifted and Talented Education	126	2,215	535	540	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Private Non-Profit	593	2,229	1,236	1,639	12	110	84	150	5	12	8	9	0	0	0	0
9 Student Management System (SMS)	494	13,851	6,845	9,633	28	1,002	519	535	0	42	19	13	0	0	0	0

STUDENT - \*May be counted more than once due to participation in multiple programs.

TEACHERS - \*May be counted more than once due to participation in multiple programs.

PRINCIPALS/ADMINISTRATORS - \*May be counted more than once due to participation in multiple programs.

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