



Date: February 26, 2010

To: Honorable Felix P. Camacho, Governor of Guam
Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Speaker, 30th Guam Legislature
Dr. Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Superintendent of Education
Chairman, Guam Education Policy Board

From: Education Suruhanu

Subject: January 2010 Report.

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Notes from the Education Suruhanu.

Each month the Office of the Education Suruhanu (the OES) 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 GDOE. 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 January 2010.

Complaint Report.


Issue	Status	Conclusion/Recommendation	Action taken
One school nurse assigned to provide nursing services to both the Tamuning and LBJ Elementary schools.	Case closed.	GDOE is non compliant with the law for failing to provide a certified school health counselor (nurse) at each school.	One school nurse continues to provide nursing services to both schools. GDOE has open announcement for nursing vacancies.

School inspection report.

- A. **School inspection report.** Pursuant to P.L. 28-45, the OES conducted inspections at the following schools.
1. PC Lujan Elementary. The OES performed the inspection and the following discrepancies were noted.
 - a. Stock pile of solid waste.

- b. Various restrooms not adequately stocked with sanitary supplies
 - c. Annual service date for a majority of the portable fire extinguishers is expired.
 - d. No certified librarian assigned to the school.
 - e. Nurse's office without working air conditioning.
2. Ordot Elementary. The OES performed the inspection and the following discrepancies were noted.
- a. All of the paper towel dispensers were not stocked. School officials indicated that the school was without a supply of sanitary paper towels.
 - b. Various water fountains in disrepair or not working.
 - c. Various self-closing door devices in disrepair.
 - d. Burnt out light bulbs.
 - e. Annual service date for a majority of the fire extinguishers on campus is expired.
 - f. Cafeteria air curtains in disrepair.
 - g. Wheel chair ramp in disrepair.
 - h. Lack of certified teacher.
- B. Pursuant to P.L. 28-45, the OES along with various government of Guam regulatory agencies conducted inspections of the following schools. The Department of Public Health issues demerits based on the discrepancies/violation discovered during the inspection for the school building and for the cafeteria. In addition, Public Health issues a letter grade based on the total number of demerits issued. However, the other regulatory agencies issue an inspection report detailing any discrepancies/violations discovered but they do not issue demerits or a letter grade.
1. PC Lujan Elementary School. Public Health issued a letter grade ("A") for the school building and for the Cafeteria. The following discrepancies/violations were noted.
 - a. Overgrown vegetation.
 - b. Annual service date for the fire extinguishers is expired.
 - c. Standing rain water.
 - d. Missing screen underneath storm drain inlet.
 2. UPI Elementary School. Public Health issued a letter grade ("B") for the school building and a letter grade ("A") for the Cafeteria. The following discrepancies/violations were noted.
 - a. 2nd grade classroom hand washing sinks without sanitary paper towel dispensers.
 - b. Overgrown vegetation.
 - c. Various classroom A/C units not working.
 - d. Annual service date for the fire extinguishers is expired
 - e. Individual assigned to operate the library is not a certified librarian.
 3. Ordot Elementary School. Public Health issued a letter grade ("A") for the school building and for the cafeteria. The following discrepancies/violations were noted.
 - a. Overgrown vegetation.
 - b. Annual service date for the fire extinguishers is expired.
 - c. Several burnt out light bulbs in the cafeteria dining hall.
 - d. Cafeteria air curtains in disrepair.
 - e. Stockpiling of green waste.
 - f. Overgrown vegetation within ponding basin.
 - g. Missing screen underneath storm drain inlet.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of February 2010.



Dominic Terlaje