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To: Superintendent of Education
From: Education Suruhanu
Subject: Carbullido Elementary School Inspection

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Dear Dr. Bretania Underwood:

An inspection of the Carbullido Elementary School campus occurred on February 26, 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 two (2) 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 eight (8) and the cafeteria received a demerit score of two (2) therefore, the two (2) and/or four (4) demerit point items listed in the respective DPHSS inspection reports 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 action 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)
Carbullido Elementary 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. Guerrero, Principal Date and Time of Inspection: February 26, 2010 Weather Condition: Sunny and warm with some rain early during the inspection. Student Population: 485 School building received a letter grade "A" with 8 demerits. Cafeteria received a letter grade "A" with 2 demerits.	School: Carbullido Elementary
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Location/ Room No. / Bldg.	14 Point (a-n)	Type of Citation: PH=DPHSS F=Fire Dept E=EPA S=Suruhanu	Date Cited	D e m e r i t s	Description of Finding	Comments	Recommendations
Campus	1	PH & S	2/26/10	2	Observed overgrown vegetation within fence line.	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.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. The School Principal should provide the Mayor's office with a schedule of the school's activities including any activities conducted on the weekends. Such information would allow the Mayor's office to properly plan to perform grass cutting services or grounds maintenance at the school.
4,7,12,14, & 22.	1	PH & S	2/26/10	2	Observed A/C units not working and observed numerous A/C vents with build-up of dust on the filters.	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 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. Public Health considers temperatures above 85 ° F inadequate. In the event a classroom temperature measures above 85 ° F and/or when the relative humidity exceeds a specific measurement, 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.	Although each of the rooms visited had at least one air conditioning unit in good working order, the other unit was not in good working order and should be repaired and/or replaced in order to come into compliance with the law. All A/C unit filters should be cleaned on a regular and ongoing basis or as necessary.

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Campus	1	PH & S	2/26/10	4	Observed that the annual service date for all of the fire extinguishers in the classrooms 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. An adequate number of properly working and serviced fire extinguishers must be provided as required by the department of public safety and/or GFD.	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 and recorded.
Cafeteria	1	PH & S	2/26/10	2	Observed rust and paint peeling throughout the air curtain vents located in the kitchen exit door way.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The Rules and Regulations Relative to Eating and Drinking Establishments requires equipment attached to walls and ceilings to be easily cleanable and maintained in good repair.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law.
Campus	1	E & S	2/26/10	N/A	Observed wood pallets near room 24 and used automotive tires along fence line and under bushes.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. GEPA requires that any solid waste be removed from campus immediately.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Proper planning in the collection and removal of any solid waste from campus should be performed as necessary.

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20 & 4	1	E & S	2/26/10	N/A	Observed leaking hose bibb near room 20. Observed missing backflow preventer on hose bibb near room 4	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. GEPA requires all water leaks to be repaired immediately to prevent the possibility of cross contamination. GEPA also requires back flow preventers to be installed on all hose bibbs.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law.
Campus	1	E & S	2/26/10	N/A	Observed standing water at various locations.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. GEPA requires standing water to be removed and the 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.