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Re: Request to Use Bond Funds as an Interim Cash Source

Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat!

Your assistance is requested to allow the Department of Education to use bond funds as an interim cash source until the 2009 Consolidated Grant are available for drawdown. As you are aware, we are unable to drawdown to cover expenses related to the 2009 Consolidated Grant Programs until the Third Party Fiduciary Agent (TPFA) is in place. The TPFA Request for Proposal has been released and we hope to have the Third Party on board by June at the earliest. The funds to which we have access, FY2008 consolidated grants carry over funds, were projected to last through March. We are currently in the same situation we were earlier this year with no access to cash to cover programs funded under the FY2009 Consolidated Grant.

At this point, we are struggling with the decision to implement the 2010 Summer School Program. We anticipate the enrollment of 6,500 K-12 students for this summer's program. The amount we have requested for the Summer School program is \$1.1 million to cover the cost of classes in all of the public elementary and high schools, including Liheng Famaguon at the Department of Youth Affairs, The requested funds will cover salaries, benefits, and school supplies only. (Funds for student meals and bussing are not included.)



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The department has worked diligently to meet the federal requirements for the release of funds but without some interim help from the Legislature, the 2010 Summer School Program and other FY2009 Consolidated Grant programs may be jeopardized. I sincerely hope that you will be able to assist us, once again, to get legislative support for this request.

Thank you for your time and attention and I look forward to hearing from you.

Senseramente,

  
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cc: Governor of Guahan  
Senator Vicente Pangelinan  
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