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

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Dear Dr. Bretania Underwood:

An inspection of the Machananao Elementary School campus occurred on April 7, 2010. The agencies that participated in the inspection were the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) and our office. As a result of the inspection, DPHSS issued a letter grade "A" for the school building with a total demerit score of eight. In addition, DPHSS issued a letter grade "A" for the Cafeteria with a total demerit score of two.

P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) 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 8 and the Cafeteria received a demerit score of 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. 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,


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Attachment: Inspection Report

cc:

Honorable Speaker, 30th Guam Legislature
 Billy Cruz, GDOE Facilities and Maintenance Manager (via email)

Chairman, GEPB
 Machananao 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: Mr. Malay, Principal Date of Inspection: April 7, 2010 Weather Condition: Sunny, warm & dry Student population: 509 (282 males) (227 females)	Name of School: Machananao Elementary School
The school building received a letter grade ("A") with 8 demerits. The cafeteria received a letter grade ("A") with 2 demerits.	

No.	Location	14 Point	Type of Citation: PH=DPHSS, F=Fire Dept, E=EPA, S=Suruhanu	Citation Date	D e m e r i t s	Description of Finding	Comments	Recommendations
	F-103, F104, and C-101	1	PH & S	4/7/10	2	Observed dark stains on floor.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The School Sanitation Code (the SSC) requires floors to be constructed of material that is easily cleanable, light in color, and kept clean and in good repair.	Remove dark stains immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Floors should be cleaned as necessary and if any such stain cannot be easily removed, the particular flooring should be replaced as necessary.
	Campus	1	PH & S	4/7/10	2	Observed paint peeling throughout various hallway awnings and observed dark stains along the wall in room B-102	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires walls and ceilings to have surfaces of light color, have a flat finish, be kept clean, and in good repair.	Identify all areas that require painting and perform painting services immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Yearly painting services should be performed or as often as necessary.
	Campus	1	PH & S	4/7/10	4	Observed the annual service date for the fire extinguishers in the classrooms has expired.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires all equipment to be maintained and kept in good repair. GFD requires fire extinguishers to be provided and properly serviced.	Fire extinguishers must be properly serviced in order to come into compliance with the law. The DOE Safety Office should develop a master list of all the schools, log the annual service dates for all fire extinguishers, and 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.

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1	Cafeteria	1	PH & S	4/7/10	2	Observed cafeteria air curtains in disrepair.	The Eating and Drinking Establishment / Food Establishment rules and regulations (the EDFE code) requires equipment attached to walls to be clean and in good repair.	Identify all air curtains in disrepair and repair and/or replace any such air curtains found in disrepair immediately in order to come into compliance with the law.