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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D Speaker, 30th Guam Legislature

The Honorable Vicente "ben" Pangelinan Chairman Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land I Mina'trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan 155 Hesler Place Hagatna, Guam 96910

RE: Northern High School

Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat and Senator Pangelinan!

It is my understanding that the construction of the Northern High School has been delayed because the original site selected is no longer available. I also understand that there are financial vehicles available that will expire soon but could reduce the cost of the financing of the school if the Government of Guam acts quickly. It is my understanding that legislation identifying this new site could speed up the process.

As you are aware, the JFK High School construction will be further delayed with additional court proceedings. Additionally, many of our high schools remain overcrowded. The addition of a Northern High School will greatly alleviate the pressure on our existing high schools and will create a better learning environment for our students. The Harmon site also would allow the school to take advantage of the recreational facilities in the area.

I hope that we can work together so that the groundbreaking of this school occurs during the summer. Let me know if there is any information I can provide that can be of assistance in this matter.

Senseramente,

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Superintendent of Education

cc: Chairman and Members, GEPB Governor of Guam

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