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

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Office of the Speaker
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
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Dear Dr. Bretania Underwood:

An inspection of the Talofof Elementary School campus occurred on May 14, 2010. The agencies that participated in the inspection were the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), the Guam Fire Department, and our office. As a result of the inspection, DPHSS issued a letter grade "A" for the school building with a demerit score of 6 and DPHSS also issued a letter grade "A" for the Cafeteria with a demerit score of 8.

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 6 and the cafeteria received a demerit score of 8 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,


Dominic Terlaje

Attachment: Inspection Report

cc:

Honorable Speaker, 30th Guam Legislature
Billy Cruz, GDOE F & M Manager (via email)

Chairman, GEPP (via email)
Talofof Elementary School Principal (via email)

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Government of Guam
Office of the Education Suruhanu (OES)
School Inspection Report

PUBLIC LAW 28-45: 14 POINTS COMPLIANCE

School Representative: Christine Terlaje, Principal Weather Condition: Sunny and warm Student Population: (Males: 126) (Females: 130) The School building received a letter grade "A" with a total of 6 demerits. The Cafeteria received a letter grade "A" with a total of 8 demerits.	School: Talofof Elementary School
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Location	14 Point (a-b)	Type of Citation (PH=DPHSS, F=Fire Dept, E=EPA, S=Suruhanu)	Date of Citation	D e m e r i t s	Description of Findlog	Comments	Recommendations
Rooms 1, 4, 22 & 26	1	PH & S	5/14/10	2	Observed stained floors.	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 easily cleanable, light in color, kept clean, and in good repair.	Remove all stains in order to come into compliance with the law. Regular cleaning of the floors and carpets should be performed as necessary. The third party custodian vendor should be required to clean floors as necessary during the school year especially since they perform custodial services after school hours.
Campus	1	PH & S	5/14/10	2	Observed paint peeling throughout awnings.	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 be light in color, have a flat finish, and shall be kept clean and in good repair. The SSC requires walls to be finished with easily cleanable material.	Identify all areas where paint is peeling and/or where painting is needed and perform painting services immediately in order to come into compliance with the law.
Room 17 & 25	1 & f	PH & S	5/14/10	2	Air condition units in operable.	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 ventilation to be adequate in order to provide proper circulation of needed air within a room by either windows or mechanical ventilators. When mechanical ventilation is provided, the SSC requires that it 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, 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.	Ventilation through mechanical or natural means must be improved in order to come into compliance with the law. Additional fans or other mechanical devices should be provided in the event the A/C unit cannot be repaired immediately. A/C unit filters should also be cleaned on a regular basis or as necessary. If conditions cannot be improved, the students may need to be re-located to a more suitable room.
Cafeteria	1	PH & S	5/14/10	4	Wiping cloths not stored properly.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The EDE code requires all wiping cloths to be stored properly in appropriate container filled with sanitizing solution and such wiping cloths shall be tested periodically to ensure that the cloths are properly sanitized with proper concentration of solution mixture.	Ensure that all wiping cloths are properly stored in proper concentration of sanitizing solution at all times.

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Cafeteria	1	PH & S	5/14/10	2	Scullery by mechanic ware washing area hot water valve not working.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The EDE code requires hot water to be provided as necessary to ensure proper sanitation.	Identify and permanently repair the hot water valve immediately in order to come into compliance with the law.
Cafeteria	1	PH & S	5/14/10	2	Walk in chill unit along wall shows build up needs thorough cleaning.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The EDE code requires wall coverings of walk-in chill units to be maintained in good repair and cleaned on a regular basis.	Such area must be properly cleaned immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Walls that are properly maintained and cleaned will not create unsanitary conditions.
Campus	1	GFD	5/14/10	N/A	Fire alarm system not operational.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The Fire Watch Program must be continued.	Although Fire Watch is an approved temporary fire prevention measure. I strongly encourage GDOE to begin repairing, replacing, and/or upgrading each school's fire alarm as soon as possible.
Campus	1	GFD	5/14/10	N/A	N/A	Ensure fire lanes remain accessible to GFD and other emergency vehicles at all times.	