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Office of the Speaker

Date

Received by

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To:

Superintendent of Education

From:

Education Suruhanu

Subject:

Okkodo High School Inspection

Dear Dr. Bretania Underwood:

An inspection of the Okkodo High School campus occurred on May 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 6. In addition, DPHSS issued a letter grade "A" for the Cafeteria with a total demerit score of 2.

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 2, therefore, the 2 and/or 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 Chairman, GEPB (via email) Billy Cruz, GDOE Facilities and Maintenance Manager (via email) Okkodo High School Principal (via email)

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

		PUBLIC LAW 28-	45: 14 POINTS COMPLIANCE	
hool Representative: Kenneth Denusta, Principal				Old - I. III I C.I I
eather Condition: Sunny and warm	•			School: Okkodo High School

The School building received a letter grade "A" with a total of 6 demerits. The Caseteria received a letter grade "A" with a total of 2 demerits.

Location	14 Point (a-n)	Type of Citation (PH=DPHSS, F=Fire Dept, E=EPA, S=Suruhanu	Date of Citation	D e m e r i t	Description of Finding	Comments	Recommendations
D Wing	l	PH & S	5/7/10	1 7	discernished container to be in	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (I) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The School Sanitation Code (the SSC) requires school grounds to be kept clean, free of rubbish and any unnecessary items or material.	Identify and contact the party responsible for removing such item and have such party remove item or items immediately in order to come into compliance with the law.
Rooms E-101, F- 118, D-115	1	PH & S	5/7/10	2	Observed dark stains on floors.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (I) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. 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.
Rooms B-117, A 120, E-101, E- 132, E Wing Hallway, C-105		PH & S	5/7/10		dust throughout air vents in room A-	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (1) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires walls and ceilings to be kept clean and in good repair. The SSC requires mechanical ventilation equipment to be kept clean and in good repair.	Identify and repair all ceiling leaks, replace all damaged ceiling tiles, and clean all A/C vents immediately in order to come into compliance with the law.
Cafeteria		PH & S	5/7/10	2	Observed missing light shield in hood above grill station.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (1) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The Eating and Drinking Establishment Code (The EDE Code) requires shielding to be provided for all artificial lighting fixtures located over, by, or within food storage, preparation, service, and display facilities, and facilities where utensils and equipment are cleaned and stored in order to protect against broken glass falling onto food.	Shielded light fixtures are necessary in order to protect food, utensils, and equipment from glass fragments should the fixture break. The shielding also prevents many instances of breakage and provides a greater degree of on-the-job safety to employees.

Student Population: (Males: 728) (Females: 615)