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To: Superintendent of Education
 From: Education Suruhanu
 Subject: JP Torres Alternative School Inspection

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

An inspection of the JP Torres Alternative School campus occurred on May 24, 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 6.

P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (I) 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 any 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 and the cafeteria each received a demerit score of 6, 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 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 (via email)
- JP Torres Administration (via email)

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Office of the Education Suruhanu (OES)
School Inspection Report

PUBLIC LAW 28-45: 14 POINTS COMPLIANCE

School Representative: Rosalyn Meeks, Principal Weather Condition: Sunny and warm Student Population: 169 (Males: 136) (Females: 33)	School: JP Torres/Alternative School
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 6 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 s	Description of Finding	Comments	Recommendations
Rooms 6, 9 and 12	f	PH & S	5/24/10	2	Observed air condition units in disrepair.	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 DPHSS School Sanitation Code (the SSC) requires school equipment to be maintained, kept clean, and in good repair. The SSC requires that when mechanical ventilation is provided, it shall be kept clean and in good repair.	Identify all A/C units in disrepair or not working properly and repair them immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. In addition, A/C unit filters should be cleaned on a regular and ongoing basis. If mechanical ventilation is provided within a room such as an air conditioning unit and such unit is not in good working order, it must be repaired or removed.
School Campus	l	PH & S	5/24/10	4	Observed expired fire extinguishers throughout school building.	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.	Identify and service all fire extinguishers expired immediately 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.
Cafeteria	l	PH & S	5/24/10	4	Food products (chicken) cooked was transported in a cooler.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The Eating and Drinking Establishment Rules (the EDE rules) requires all potential hazardous foods to be transported in appropriate containers or equipment designed to maintain the food product temperature. The EDE rules also requires enough conveniently located refrigeration facilities or effectively insulated facilities be provided to assure the maintenance of potentially hazardous food at required temperatures during storage.	Ensure that a sufficient amount of proper food storage facilities are made available at all times. Ensure the proper storage of food in order to assure that there will be minimal contamination of the food from any source, and the natural growth of microorganisms in the food will not result in food-borne illnesses. Measures to prevent the contamination of food must take in to consideration the environment in which food is stored and the potential for contamination under these circumstances.

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	Cafeteria	1	PH & S	5/24/10	2	Observed bare wood and shelving in disrepair in the storage room. Observed 1 air curtain in disrepair on the exterior entrance of the cafeteria and 1 air curtain in disrepair on the exterior rear entrance of the cafeteria.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. DPHSS' Eating and Drinking Establishment rules and regulations (the EDFE code) requires walls to be light in color, smooth, non-absorbent, and easily cleanable. The EDE code requires attached equipment to be maintained in good repair.	Identify and paint all bare wood immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Identify and repair or replace all air curtains in disrepair immediately in order to come into compliance with the law.