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Office of the Speaker

To:

Superintendent of Education

From:

Education Suruhanu

Subject:

L. B. Johnson Elementary School Inspection

Dear Dr. Bretania Underwood:

An inspection of the L.B. Johnson Elementary School campus occurred on June 25, 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 8.

P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (1) 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, therefore, the two (2) and/or four (4) demerit point items listed in the DPHSS school building inspection report 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 report 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.

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Attachment: Inspection Report

cc:

Honorable Speaker, 30th Guam Legislature Chairman, GEPB (via email) Billy Cruz, GDOE Facilities and Maintenance Manager (via email) L.B. Johnson Elementary School Assistant Principal (email)

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

							PUBLIC LAW 28-45: 14 POINTS COMPLIANCE
Veat tude	ol Representative: (ther Condition: S ent Population: (M School building reco	unny an ales: 153)	d warm (Females: 164)			rerits,	School: L.B. Johnson Elementary School
	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 l	Description of Finding	Comments Recommendations
	TF1, TK2, TK3.	i	PH & S	6/25/10	2	Observed floor tiles in disrepair.	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 all floors to be easily cleanable, light in color, kept clean and in good repair. Note: A work request was submitted to DOE maintenance on July 13, 2007 with follow-ups made on April 17, 2009 and again on June 6, 2010. The problem identified in the work request indicated that the floor board and tiles were popping up and damaged and that they needed to be replaced.
	TF1, TK2, TK3.	l	PH & S	6/25/10	2	Observed walls in disrepair.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (1) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires walls to have surfaces that are light in color and with a flat finish, kept clean, and in good repair. Walls shall be finished with easily cleanable material.
	K7 & K8	1	PH & S	3/24/10	4	Observed door jam in K7 and door stopper in K8 in disrepair.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (I) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires doors to be in good repair. The door jam in K7 appears to be newly installed but not yet completed as the area surrounding the entire door jam is uncovered.