



August 18, 2010

Memorandum

TO: Superintendent of Education
FROM: Education Suruhanu
SUBJECT: Finegayan Elementary School Inspection

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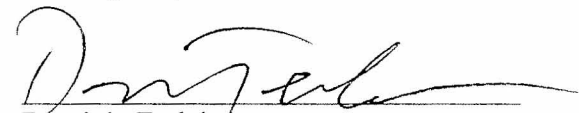
Attached to this memorandum is a report identifying various discrepancies discovered during an inspection of the Finegayan Elementary School that took place on August 16, 2010. I strongly recommend that GDOE address the discrepancies identified and rectify them immediately in order to come into compliance with the various provisions of the Fourteen (14) Points of P.L. 28-45. In addition, some of the discrepancies noted may also be considered violations of the School Sanitation Code and/or other regulatory agency codes.

Please be advised that not all classrooms or school facilities were inspected. Therefore, GDOE is highly encouraged to assess all other classrooms and school facilities in order to identify any other discrepancies and perform corrective action as necessary.

Please submit to my office, in writing, GDOE's efforts to rectify each of the discrepancies identified in the inspection report, including but not limited to measures taken or to be taken to rectify each discrepancy and a proposed date when such discrepancy was rectified or would be rectified.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Best regards,


-Dominic Terlaje

Attachment:
OES Inspection report

cc:
Honorable Speaker, 30th Guam Legislature
GEPB (via email)
Finegayan Elementary School Administrator (via email)
Billy Cruz, GDOE Maintenance Manager (via email)

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Office of the Education Suruhanu (OES)
School Inspection Report

PUBLIC LAW 28-45: 14 POINTS COMPLIANCE

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No.	Location	14 Point at Issue (a-n)	Citation (PH=DPHSS, F=Fire Dept, E=EPA, S=Suruhanu)	Date	D e m e r i t s	Description of Finding	Comments	Recommendations
	Various classrooms	f & l	S	8/16/10	N/A	A/C unit not working or not cooling properly.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment and § 4 (12) (f) requires air conditioned or properly ventilated classrooms in which the sensible air temperature is no greater than 78° F. The Department of Public Health and Social Services School Sanitary Code (the SSC) requires school equipment to be in good repair. When mechanical ventilation is provided, the SSC requires that it be kept clean and in good repair. DPHSS often indicates that even though the room may be properly ventilated, any A/C units within a room must be maintained in good working order and if not, it should be repaired or removed.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Students in classrooms that are not properly ventilated should be re-located to a more suitable location as necessary.
	Newly constructed Girls common use restroom	I & L	S	8/16/10	N/A	Two toilet seats broken.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (j) requires schools to provide proper sanitation. The SSC requires all restroom facilities including the fixtures to be clean and in good repair at all times. The SSC requires all restroom facilities to be adequately supplied with the necessary sanitary supplies at all times during school hours.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law.

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	Campus	l	S	8/16/10	N/A	Three water fountains are not in good working order.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires drinking fountains to be kept clean and in good repair. Based on the student population of 914, the school is required to provide at a minimum, 12 drinking fountains that are in good working order. Water coolers with proper cover and cups provided may be an acceptable alternative to the mechanical drinking fountains. Although the school may be in compliance, the SSC requires that school equipment be maintained in good repair and as such, any drinking fountains in disrepair must be repaired.	School officials and GDOE maintenance should determine whether or not to remove or repair the drinking fountains in disrepair. However, please understand that the school must ensure that it provides at least 12 working drinking fountains based on the student population of 914. If the population is expected to increase, additional drinking fountains in good working order may be required.
	Area between 4th grade area to restrooms and main campus	l	S	8/16/10	N/A	None. However, such area is in need of an awning or covering.	Such area is in need of a walkway awning or canopy in order for students to travel between the 4th grade classrooms to the restrooms and to the main campus when it rains.	Efforts to construct or install such walkway should be initiated so that students in the 4th grade area can safely access the restroom and the main campus.
	Library	k	S	8/16/10	N/A	Library does not have a certified librarian.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (k) requires schools to provide libraries which meet the standards of the American Association of School Librarians, at each school, operated by certified librarians. a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. Currently the library is not in operation on a daily basis but the teachers do make use of the library for instructional purposes and other activities.	GDOE must take measures to ensure that a certified librarian is provided in the library as soon as possible in order to come into compliance with the law.
	Campus	n	S	8/16/10	N/A	Bus transportation from certain areas not regular and timely.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (n) requires public schools to provide regular, timely school bus transportation to and from the school.	I understand that DPW is responsible for bus transportation. However, GDOE is highly encouraged to communicate with DPW officials to determine what measures can be taken to ensure that regular, timely bus transportation occurs for students in any affected areas.