



August 18, 2010

Memorandum

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

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Hafa Adai Dr. Bretania Underwood:

Attached to this memorandum is a report identifying various discrepancies discovered during an inspection of the Price Elementary School that took place on August 17, 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.

In addition, although the school's custodial services is partially outsourced, I have been informed that the vendor, AMI, does not arrive at the school until the afternoon. As such, GDOE must ensure that custodial services are made available and are being conducted throughout the school day. Frequent monitoring of the restrooms is highly recommended to ensure that each restroom is properly maintained, cleaned regularly, fully operational, and stocked at all times with toilet paper, soap, and paper towels or functional hand-air dryers.

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.

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Office of the Speaker
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
Date 8/19/10
Time 1:30
Received by AW

Best regards,

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Attachment:
OES Inspection report

cc:
Honorable Speaker, 30th Guam Legislature
Price Elementary School Administrator (via email)
GEPB (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

School Representative: Ms. Taimanglo, Acting Principal Date of Inspection: August 17, 2010. Weather Condition: Sunny and warm School Population: Males: 345/Females:286 (631 total)	Name of School: H.P. Price Elementary
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#	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
	Campus	l	S	8/17/10	N/A	Observed overgrown vegetation through out the campus. Observed overgrown vegetation in between D wing fast track classrooms.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The Department of Public Health and Social Services School Sanitary Code (the SSC) requires the school site: (1) to be free from potential sources of insect and rodent breeding and that all school areas be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Grass cutting services should be performed as necessary. Contact the necessary parties and schedule an appropriate time for grass cutting services to be performed.
	E-4	f & l	S	8/17/10	N/A	There are two A/C units in the room. One unit is working but the right side unit blows warm air and freezes up.	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 equipment within such room must be maintained in good working order and if not, it should be repaired or removed.	Address and rectify as soon as possible in order to come into compliance with the law.
	Various classrooms	l	S	8/17/10	N/A	Paper towels not placed within the dispenser.	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 soap and single-service paper towels to be provided and made available at all times. A heated air hand-drying device is acceptable in place of the single-service paper towel dispenser.	Paper towels were on hand but just needed to be installed within the dispenser. Ensure that all the paper towel dispensers in all classrooms and restrooms are adequately supplied with the proper type of paper towel as necessary. School custodians or other assigned personnel should be required to monitor such areas on a regular basis.
	E-6	f & l	S	8/17/10	N/A	Missing A/C filters in the left side A/C unit.	The SSC requires all classroom equipment to be maintained in good working order.	Ensure that the proper A/C filters are installed in any such A/C units. Ensure that the filters are cleaned as necessary.

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	Campus	g & l	S	8/17/10	N/A	Observed the following water fountains either not working properly or not working: E-wing 1st floor; Near boys E-wing restroom; D-wing near D-1, Back side of C-6A; & A wing.	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 631, the school is required to provide at a minimum, 8.5 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. Work requests have previously been submitted to GDOE maintenance for the various water fountains in disrepair.	Address and rectify immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. This matter should be addressed as soon as possible because the school may not meet the minimum required number of drinking fountains at this time.
	E-wing Boys common use restroom	I & L	S	8/17/10	N/A	Two urinals not working, one urinal missing; left section of urinals: water at one urinal continues to run and it leaks water onto the floor; three toilet stalls do not have toilet tissue, many of the plastic toilet tissue dispensers are in disrepair or are unable to accommodate the size of the toilet tissue preventing the cover from closing. According to school personnel, the floor drain pipe is clogged.	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. The SSC also requires that all sanitary supplies be properly installed in an approved dispenser. Note: Because there are no toilet facilities within the classroom, it is imperative that the school ensure that all toilet facilities are in good working order in order to comply with any particular SSC ratios. Ensure that all restrooms are ADA compliant.	Address and rectify all issues immediately in order to come into compliance with the law. Require the necessary personnel to perform regular monitoring of the restroom facilities and require such personnel to log their visits and findings on a restroom monitoring log sheet. The log sheet should be reviewed by school officials daily for compliance. Sanitary supplies should be re-stocked in the dispensers as necessary. A restroom without sanitary supplies could present various health concerns for students. DOE must exhaust all efforts to ensure that sanitary supplies are provided and made available in all student restrooms at all times, and that restrooms remain clean and sanitary throughout the entire school day. School personnel including office staff and other personnel should be encouraged to perform restroom monitoring.

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	E-wing Girls common use restroom	I & L	S	8/17/10	N/A	No toilet tissue in 8 of the 10 toilet stalls. The other two stalls had toilet tissue but it was not mounted in the dispenser because the tissue does not properly fit into the plastic dispenser provided. School personnel indicated that the toilet tissue is too large for the dispenser lid to close. Several of the plastic dispensers were in disrepair or not in good working order.	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. The SSC also requires that all sanitary supplies be properly installed in an approved dispenser.	See Recommendations under E-Wing Boys common use restroom section above.
	F-wing Girls common use restroom	I & L	S	8/17/10	N/A	Toilet possibly clogged. Both sinks are not properly secured to the wall mount. No soap.	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.	See Recommendations under E-Wing Boys common use restroom above.
	F-wing Boys common use restroom.	I & L	S	8/17/10	N/A	Toilet without seat. Both toilets possibly clogged. One stall without toilet tissue. No soap.	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.	See Recommendations under E-Wing Boys common use restroom above.

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	A wing drinking fountain	I & L	S	8/17/10	N/A	Water fountain is not in operation because water that is being supplied to the fountain appears to be leaking into the room adjacent to where the fountain is mounted.	P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (l) requires schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. The SSC requires such equipment to be in good repair. According to school officials, the problem was previously reported to GDOE maintenance.	Although the drinking fountain is not in operation, work to repair the water leak as soon as possible.