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Honorable, Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D. Thirtieth Guam Legislature 253 West O'Brien Dr. Hagåtna, Guahan 96910

Honorable Vicente "ben" C Pangelinan Chairman Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land I Mina Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan Suite 101 Quan Building, 324 W Soledad Avenue Hagatna, Guam 96910

Re: Education Jobs Fund Program (EJFP) and State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) requirement for Maintenance of Effort

Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat and Senator Pangelinan!

I have great concern regarding the budget that was passed by the Legislature. In particular, I am concerned about the impact on the application for the \$20 million for additional school based positions funded through the Education Jobs Program that is due on September 9, 2010. If the Government of Guam is unable to meet the maintenance of effort requirements, please confirm as soon as possible so we don't provide our schools with false hope and place a lot of effort into developing an application that will not meet the guidelines of the Program.

Additionally, the Governor has made assurances in the State Fiscal Stabilization Funds application that the government will maintain a certain level of funding to the Department of Education. I have asked the Governor's Office to determine if the FY2011 Budget will impact the availability of the SFSF grants.

If you would like to discuss the requirements of the EJFP or SFSF in greater detail, please let me know. Your immediate response is appreciated.

Senseramente,

Superintendent of Education

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