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October 11, 2010

Memorandum

TO: Superintendent of Education  
FROM: Education Suruhanu  
SUBJECT: Chief Brodie Elementary School Inspection

Håfa Adai Dr. Bretania Underwood:

Attached to this memorandum is a report identifying various discrepancies discovered during an inspection of the Chief Brodie Elementary School that took place on October 5, 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, the School Sanitation Code, and/or other laws or regulations of the various regulatory agencies. Please be advised that not all classrooms or school facilities were inspected. Therefore, GDOE is highly encouraged to asses all other classrooms and school facilities in order to identify any other discrepancies and perform corrective action as necessary.

In addition, it was discovered that the school's fire alarm system remains inoperable and that the temporary fire watch program is still in effect. Because the temporary fire watch program has been in effect for an extended period of time, I am respectfully requesting a detailed report prepared by the necessary parties identifying the action taken or to be taken to bring the school's fire alarm system into full operation including but not limited to the status of any procurement for the repair, maintenance, and/or servicing of the schools' fire alarm systems and the expected date when such work to repair the fire alarm system would begin. Please provide the requested information concerning this issue to my office within five days of your office's receipt of this memorandum.

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.

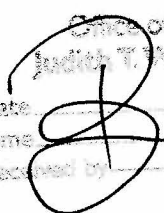
If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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Dominic Terlaje

**Attachment:**  
OES Inspection report

cc:  
Honorable Speaker, 30<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
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Chief Brodie Elementary School Administration  
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Office of the Education Suruhanu (OES)  
School Inspection Report

**PUBLIC LAW 28-45: 14 POINTS COMPLIANCE**

School Representative: Ms. Diaz, Principal Date of inspection: October 5, 2010 Weather Condition: Sunny and warm with some clouds. GDOE custodians: None. Private custodial vendor arrives around 2 p.m.	Name of School: <h2 style="margin: 0;">Chief Brodie Elementary</h2>
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No.	Loc.	14 pt.	Citation PH=DPHSS F=Fire Dept E=EPA S=Suruhanu	Date	D e m e r i t s	Description of Finding	Comments	Recommendations
	Boys and Girls common use restrooms located near main office.	i & l	S	10/5/10	N/A	1. Boys: Toilet stall without toilet tissue. 2. Boys: Toilet tissue dispenser in disrepair. 3. Girls: Toilet tissue dispenser in disrepair. 4. Girls: Sink may not be properly secured in place. (Note: GDOE maintenance personnel removed the sink shortly after it was reported in disrepair.)	Restrooms are required to be kept clean, adequately stocked with the necessary sanitary supplies, maintained in good repair. School officials indicated that they no longer employ a GDOE custodian and as such, various other school personnel are assigned to monitor the restrooms as necessary. A restroom monitor log sheet is provided and it is being properly maintained. Although school aides and various other personnel are currently being assigned to provided custodial services, such personnel may not always be available and a replacement custodian should be provided to perform such services during school hours.	The necessary janitorial/custodial GDOE personnel should be assigned to the school as soon as possible to ensure that the school's custodial services and needs are being met during the school day.
	Library	f & l	S	10/5/10	N/A	Room is not properly air conditioned or properly ventilated in which the sensible air temperature is no greater than 78 °F.	Although the library may not necessarily be considered a classroom, it is a room where students often engage in learning activities and as such, it should be properly ventilated to ensure students are provided a comfortable learning environment when using the library. When mechanical ventilation is provided it shall be in good working order. The left A/C blows warm air and is noisy. The right A/C unit is not working. Four floor fans are in operation but the room temperature measured approximately 82 °F with a humidity reading of 52% with no students present. The librarian also indicated that the conditions of the room become warmer toward lunch time and into the afternoon.	Assess the A/C unit immediately and either repair or replace it accordingly. If the A/C units cannot be addressed and rectified immediately, additional fans or portable air conditioning units should be provided as necessary.

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13	f & l	S	10/5/10	N/A	Room is not properly air conditioned or properly ventilated in which the sensible air temperature is no greater than 78 °F.	When mechanical ventilation is provided it shall be in good working order. According to the teacher, the right A/C unit has not worked for the past few years. The left A/C unit works but is not cooling properly. The teacher indicated that such A/C units has not been cooling properly since May 2010. The room temperature measured approximately 83 °F with a humidity reading of 62% with no students present.	Assess the A/C unit immediately and either repair or replace it accordingly. If the conditions of the room cannot be improved immediately, the students should be re-located to a more suitable room.
Water fountain near room 8.	l	S	10/5/10	N/A	Observed water fountain not working.	Drinking fountains are required to be kept clean and in good repair. In addition a sufficient amount of drinking fountains are necessary in order to accommodate the student population.	Identify and repair or replace the water fountain. If the water fountain is not necessary in order to meet the standards, consult the necessary parties to determine whether or not such device may or may not be removed.
14	f & l	S	10/5/10	N/A	Right A/C unit is in operation but is noisy.	When mechanical ventilation is provided it shall be in good working order. The temperature of the room is comfortable but the right A/C unit is noisy.	A/C unit should be assessed to determine the cause of the noise.
Book room	l	S	10/5/10	N/A	Termite activity.	According to school officials, termite activity is present in the book room.	Contact pest control services vendor and have affected areas treated immediately and as often as is necessary. Ensure that proof of any such pest control services provided is made available upon request. Proof of services should indicate the date of treatment, the area treated, the targeted pest, insect, or vector, the type of chemical used, and any other pertinent information.

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	Cafeteria	1	S	10/5/10	N/A	Three A/C units are inoperable.	When mechanical ventilation is provided, it shall be kept clean and maintained in good working order.	Identify and repair or replace any such A/C unit found to be in disrepair.
	Campus	1	S	10/5/10	N/A	Fire alarm system not operational.	Public schools are required to provide a working fire alarm system. According to GFD, the temporary Fire Watch Program must be continued until the school's fire alarm system is operational.	Although GFD has authorized the use of a Fire Watch Program as temporary fire prevention measure, I strongly encourage GDOE to begin repairing, replacing, and/or upgrading each school's fire alarm immediately. Please provide the status of GDOE's efforts to rectify the school's alarm system, when any such work is expected to begin, and the time frame in which it would take to complete any such work.