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November 12, 2010

Honorable, Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
Speaker, Thirtieth Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Place
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Re: Standing Water/Request Water Blasting

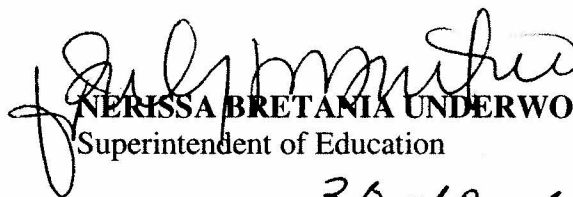
Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat!

I continue to receive notices that people have fallen because of the slippery conditions of our hallways and sidewalks. This has happened to both employees and visitors. Again, I appeal to your assistance in addressing the safety hazards caused by mold and standing water.

DOE is unable to address this because our maintenance crew are very busy with the school inspections conducted by the regulator agencies and the comprehensive assessments conducted by Sodexo. As you may be aware, the Suruhano is conducting his biannual inspections of the schools. Our maintenance division has been working closely with the school administrators to ensure that any deficiencies are corrected so that our schools stay open. Additionally, maintenance is supporting the thorough assessment of our schools so we can target the limited capital improvement funds available to address some long standing safety and health issues at the school level.

As such, we are requesting your assistance in getting the DOA walkways safe for all employees and visitors. Because I am currently off-island until November 23, 2010, please direct questions concerning this matter to Taling Taitano, Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Administrative Services. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Senseramente,


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cc: Director, Department of Administration
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Office of the Speaker
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
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