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Buenas Dr. Bretania Underwood:

An inspection of the George Washington High School campus occurred on November 18, 2010. The agencies that participated in the inspection were the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA), the Guam Fire Department (GFD), and our office. DPHSS issues a letter grade for the school building and for the cafeteria based on the number of demerits issued for each particular violation. However, GEPA and GFD do not issue letter grades but each agency does provide an inspection report identifying the discrepancies discovered.

P.L. 28-45 § 4 (12) (1) of the Adequate Public Education Act (the Act), requires Public Schools to provide a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment but the Act does not provide for a time frame in which to come into compliance with the law for any noted discrepancies/violations. However, Title 10 G.C.A. Chapter 21 states that violations identified in a DPHSS inspection report must be corrected within a specific time frame. When a DPHSS inspection yields a demerit score of 20 or less, all violations of two (2) or four (4) demerit points must be corrected within a period of time not to exceed 30 days. See 10 G.C.A. § 21107 (2) (a). In addition, when one (1) or more six (6) demerit point items are in violation, regardless of the demerit score, such item must be corrected within a period of time not to exceed ten (ten) days.

The school building received a letter grade ("B") with a demerit score of 20 and the cafeteria received a letter grade ("A") with a demerit score of 8, therefore, the two (2) and/or four (4) demerit point items listed in both the DPHSS school building and the Cafeteria inspection report must be corrected within 30 days from the date of the inspection. However, because the school building inspection report contained a six (6) point demerit item, such item must be corrected within ten (10) days after the date of the inspection. Although the inspection reports for GEPA and GFD do not indicate a time frame in which to correct the discrepancies, such discrepancies should be corrected immediately.

I strongly recommend that GDOE address all discrepancies/violations identified in each inspection report and rectify them immediately to come into compliance with the various provisions of the Fourteen (14) Points of the Act, with the various provisions of the regulatory agency codes, and/or with any other applicable laws or rules. Because not all the school's classrooms or school's facilities were inspected, GDOE is highly encouraged to assess all other classrooms and school facilities to identify any other discrepancies and perform the necessary corrective action.

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Please submit to my office in writing, GDOE's plan to rectify each of the discrepancies/violations identified in any such inspection report, including but not limited to the measure taken or to be taken to rectify the discrepancy/violation and the date when such discrepancy/violation would be rectified.

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Attachment:

George Washington High School Inspection Report

cc:

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Honorable Speaker, 30th Guam Legislature

Chairman, GEB

Billy Cruz, GDOE Facilities and Maintenance Manager

Bruce Williams, GDOE Safety Administrator

George Washington High School Administration

Guam Attorney General

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School Inspection Report

PUBLIC LAW 28-45: 14 POINTS COMPLIANCE

School Representative: Begonia Flores, Principal

Date of inspection: November 18, 2010

Weather Condition: Sunny and warm

School Population: Males: 1,335 Females: 1,260

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George Washington

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
Campus	1	PH & S	11/18/10	2	Observed overgrown vegetation throughout campus and rubbish near the fence line across A wing and A-211.	School grounds are required to be free of overgrown vegetation. The Mayors are mandated to provide regular grounds maintenance of GDOE schools. Contact the necessary parties to ensure that grass-cutting services are provided as often as necessary. All overgrown vegetation and rubbish shall be removed as often as needed.
A-106	1	PH & S	11/18/10	2	Observed portions of the floor to be in disrepair.	All areas, facilities, and equipment shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition, and kept in good repair. Identify and repair or replace areas where the floors are in disrepair. Floors are also required to be properly painted or sealed if not tiled or carpeted.
Campus	1	PH & S	11/18/10	2	Observed various violations for walls and ceilings: Paint peeling throughout campus hallways and buildings; Cracks on the interior hallway of the ROTC building; Leakage from ceiling in room A-205; Warped ceiling tiles in room B-110; Paint peeling throughout gym ceiling; Locker rooms: leakage from ceiling in hallway entrance to male locker room, mold/mildew on walls in male locker room and ceilings, mold/mildew on ceiling and walls in the female locker room.	All areas, facilities, and equipment shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition, and kept in good repair. All walls and ceilings shall be in good repair as often as needed. Identify and rectify all discrepancies immediately. Mold/mildew should be properly removed immediately for various health and sanitary concerns. Moisture control measures should be considered to reduce mold growth. Rooms such as the male locker room experiencing extensive mold/mildew growth should be properly ventilated by providing properly working A/C units in an effort to reduce mold/mildew growth. Mold/mildew should be removed as often as necessary.

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	Campus	f & l	PH & S	11/18/10	2	Observed A/C units inoperable, in disrepair, or leaking in the following rooms: Leaking on the exterior of B-202, at the Gym, and at C-101. A/C units inoperable or in disrepair: A-101, A-102, B-103, B-207, Top of Library, C-205, C-102, D-105, cafeteria, E-102, E-106, 7 A/C units inoperable in the gym, gym locker room A/C units either inoperable or not working properly.	All areas, facilities, and equipment shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition, and kept in good repair. When mechanical ventilation is provided, it shall be kept clean & maintained in good working order. Identify and repair or replace all A/C units in disrepair or not working properly. Ensure that each classroom is properly ventilated by either mechanical or natural means at all times. Properly remove any A/C units determined to be in disrepair and/or not in use.
	Campus	1	PH & S	11/18/10	2	Observed several lights burned out in the gym. Certain areas of the gym floor registered between 5 and 25 foot candle.	All lights shall be in good working order and all portions of the gym shall be at least 25 foot candles. Identify and repair or replace light fixtures found to be in disrepair. Replace burned out light bulbs.

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	A-206, B-204, B-208, C-205, A-200, E-Wing restrooms, ROTC building	1	PH & S	11/18/10	4	Observed drinking fountains in disrepair, clogged, and/or dirty.	All drinking fountains shall be kept clean and in good repair at all times. Identify and repair all clogged drinking fountains or fountains in disrepair. Require school custodians or others to perform regular cleaning of all drinking fountains.
	Campus	1	PH & S	11/18/10	6	Observed violations for the following restrooms. 1) B-Wing males 1st floor one broken toilet. 2) B-Wing male 2nd floor one broken toilet. 3) G-Wing males two broken urinals.	All toilet fixtures shall be kept clean and in good working order. Identify and repair or replace all broken toilet fixtures immediately. Frequent monitoring of the restrooms is strongly 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. Identify and ensure that the custodial vendor repairs or replaces all sanitary dispensers found in disrepair according to the contract. A restroom monitoring log sheet should be provided and school officials should conduct regular spot checks of the restrooms and have any discrepancies rectified immediately.
	Campus	f & l	N/A	11/18/10	N/A	N/A	School officials voluntarily closed rooms A-206 and E-106 as a result of the A/C units not working.
	Cafeteria	1	PH & S	11/18/10	4	Observed multiple flies in the kitchen and service line area. Observed holes in door screen and screens not secured properly.	Outer openings must be properly sealed to prevent entrance of any vectors, pests, or insects. Identify and properly seal all observed outer openings immediately. Cafeteria vendor should perform periodic checks of the cafeteria noting any outer openings and report to school officials immediately for corrective action.

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Cafeteria	1	PH & S	11/18/10	2	Observed floors in kitchen area and cold storage area with dark stains throughout.	All floors shall be kept clean. Identify and clean stained floors immediately. Require cafeteria vendor to perform periodic checks of the floors and report any discrepancies to school officials for corrective action.
Cafeteria	1	PH & S	11/18/10	2	Observed multiple ceiling tiles next to air condition units in disrepair. Observed air curtains above entrance doors in disrepair.	All ceilings and attached equipment shall be in good repair. Identify and remove all ceiling tiles in disrepair. Identify and repair, replace, or remove all air curtains in disrepair. If air curtains are to be removed, GDOE should contact DPHSS officials to ensure the cafeteria remains in compliance with the code.
Campus	1	F & S	11/18/10	N/A	1) Fire alarm out of service - fire watch in place-verified log. 2) Portable extinguishers need annual service (proper mounting). 3) Emergency lights in cafeteria need service. 4) Exposed electrical junction boxes (cafeteria) 5) Observed outlet for water fountain in cafeteria non GFCI - replace. 6) Observed cigarette butts 1st floor female restroom area. 7) Doors/ exits shall not require special keys or process to open--throughout entire campus. 8) Electrical system faulty B- Wing must be evaluated by master electrician. 9) Hose cabinets overdue maintenance (fire hose cabinets). 10) Electrical /extension cords shall not be used as a permanent power source. 11) Chemical storage for chemistry A-200, no spill containment kit, room unsecured, no current inventory. 12) C-102 ceramics ovens require a minimum of type II hood for proper removal of heat and requires a dedicated portable fire extinguisher properly mounted. 13) Install smoke detector stand alone in trophy room (ROTC). 14) Two exits required to be unobstructed in E-Wing (in front of E-100). 15) Exposed electrical - outlet missing covers - gym. 16) Obstructed exit - gym. 17) Portable extinguisher must be made available at a minimum of every 75'- gym and entire campus.	
Grease trap	1	E & S	11/18/10	N/A	Grease trap. Needs to be cleaned. Observed used vegetable oil container from Gresco.	All areas, facilities, and equipment shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition, and kept in good repair. Contact the necessary parties responsible for servicing the grease trap and have it serviced immediately. Cafeteria vendor should perform periodic checks of the grease trap and perform service as often as necessary.

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	Waste water disposal system	1	E & S	11/18/10	N/A	No discrepancies.	School is connected to public sewer system.
	Storm water drainage system	1	E & S	11/18/10	N/A	Observed missing screens and some grills need to be replaced.	All areas, facilities, and equipment shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition, and kept in good repair. Identify and install, repair, and/or replace storm water drainage screens as necessary. Regular maintenance of storm water drainage inlets should be performed.
	Hazardous waste	1	E & S	11/18/10	N/A	Storage needs labels for flammable liquids.	All areas, facilities, and equipment shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition, and kept in good repair. Identify all storage areas and ensure proper labeling is provided for all flammable materials.
	Solid waste	1	E & S	11/18/10	N/A	School property has to be removed to GSA. Trash needs to be picked up.	All areas, facilities, and equipment shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition, and kept in good repair. Identify all school equipment or property that needs to be removed and have it properly removed as soon as possible. Ensure that all trash or debris is removed from school grounds and properly disposed as often as necessary.