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To: Superintendent of Education  
From: Education Suruhanu  
Subject: H.S. Truman Elementary School Inspection

Office of the Speaker  
Guam House of Representatives  
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Buenas Dr. Bretania Underwood:

An inspection of the H.S. Truman Elementary School campus occurred on November 24, 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).

The school building received a letter grade ("A") with a demerit score of 6 and the cafeteria received a letter grade ("A") with a demerit score of 2, 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. Although GEPA's and GFD's inspection reports do not indicate a time frame in which to correct the discrepancies, such discrepancies should be corrected immediately.


I strongly recommend that GDOE immediately address and rectify all discrepancies/violations identified in each inspection report 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:

H.S. Truman Elementary School Inspection Report

cc:

Chief of Staff, Government of Guam

Honorable Speaker, 30<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

Chairman, GEB

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Bruce Williams, GDOE

Guam Attorney General

H.S. Truman Elementary School Administration

Government of Guam  
Office of the Education Suruhanu (OES)  
School Inspection Report

PUBLIC LAW 28-45: 14 POINTS COMPLIANCE						
School Representative: Michael Meno, Principal Date of inspection: November 24, 2010 Weather Condition: Sunny and warm School Population: Males: 207. Females: 174 School building received a letter grade "A" with a total of 6 demerits. Cafeteria received a letter grade "A" with 2 demerits.						Name of School: <b>Harry S. Truman Elementary</b>
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	11/24/10	2	Observed paint peeling throughout school building. Paint peeling and mildew in restroom in Room 28. Observed a crack in the ceiling in Room 22C.	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. Cracks should be properly assessed and rectified immediately. GDOE Safety Office should be contacted and have proper assessment performed for ceiling cracks.
Library	1	PH & S	11/24/10	2	Observed cracks in the library glass window.	All areas, facilities, and equipment shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition, and kept in good repair. All windows shall be in good repair to prevent any glass from falling. Identify and immediately replace all cracked glass windows.
Campus	1	PH & S	11/24/10	2	Observed air condition units not working or not working properly in the following rooms; Room 27, 28, Library, 16B and 3. Observed rooms 32, 34, and 35 leaking from the air condition units located within the ceiling.	When mechanical ventilation is provided, it shall be kept clean and in good working order at all times. Identify and repair A/C units leaking, not working, and/or not working properly as soon as possible. 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. If a room cannot be properly ventilated, the students should be re-located to a more suitable room. Students should not be exposed to warm and/or humid conditions for an extended period of time.
Campus		PH & S	11/24/10	N/A	Male urinal requirement not met.	<b>Note:</b> School did not meet the urinal ratio requirement based on the male student population of 207. The school lacks four urinals. However, in consideration for not satisfying the urinal ratio requirement, the school has designated four different classroom toilets as common use restrooms for male students only at the following classrooms: 22A, 32, 33 and 34. As a result of such designation, DPHSS did not issue any demerits for such discrepancy.

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Cafeteria	1	PH & S	11/24/10	2	Observed air curtain for serving line exit in disrepair. Area around hood area leaks.	Identify and rectify all discrepancies immediately to ensure a safe and sanitary environment.
Grease trap servicing	N/A	E & S	11/24/10	N/A	Servicing of grease trap must be verified.	Provide proof of servicing to GEPA as soon as possible. Determine the appropriate party responsible for maintaining any grease trap to ensure that the grease trap is serviced as often as necessary. Proof of servicing should be maintained in the school's records to be made available upon request.
Waste water disposal system	N/A	E & S	11/24/10	N/A	No violations.	N/A
Storm water drainage system	N/A	E & S	11/24/10	N/A	Missing screen at all storm drain inlets.	Identify and properly install appropriate screen at all storm drainage inlets immediately. GDOE officials are aware that GEPA requires screens to be installed at storm water drainage inlets and that such drainage inlets should be maintained as often as necessary.
Solid waste	N/A	E & S	11/24/10	N/A	One trash bin in disrepair and leaking onto the ground.	Identify trash bin in disrepair and require vendor to immediately replace it with a trash bin in good repair.
Campus	N/A	F & S	11/24/10	N/A	<b>Notice of Hazard noted on the inspection report.</b> 1) Fire alarm system inoperable. Fire watch is implemented and needs to meet requirement of "Fire Watch". 2) Room 1 PFE missing pin--door shutters may obstruct. 3) Room 9 open circuit breaker; extension cord being used. 4) Room 27 key lock; extension cord is temporary only. 5) Cafeteria: open circuit in electrical panel. 6) Generator ATS records and maintenance. 7) Electrical rooms need identification--no storage of combustibles. 8) Emergency lights inoperable. 9) Multi plug excessive use. 10) Exit access obstructed in general, exit light inoperable. 11) Storage height 24 inches from ceiling. 12) Evacuation plan must be posted in each classroom.	