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Hafa Adai,

Please see the attached release on Tiyan High School. The release provides updates on Facilities & Equipment, Student Enrollment, Curriculum, School Leadership & Staffing, Student Life and Public Outreach.

Additional information can be obtained by visiting the Tiyan High School Website at: <https://sites.google.com/a/gdoe.net/tiyan-high-school/>

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Thank You,

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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TIYAN HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

Tiyan High School (“THS”) will be opening its doors for the 2014-2015 School Year. To ensure they are ready to open, Guam Department of Education (“GDOE”) Superintendent, Jon Fernandez, appointed a team in February to lead the transition. The transition team consists of, Deputy Superintendent, Erika Cruz and assistant principals, Jonalyn Ceria and Stacey Sahagon.

As school preparations continue in order to be ready to receive students in August, the following areas are being addressed by the transition team:

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

When school year 2013-2014 comes to a close, the facility will undergo routine maintenance and upkeep to prepare for the opening of the new school year. Collateral equipment orders are currently being processed and expedited to be available in time for the first day of school. Student textbooks will be supplied from existing school inventories and transferred over to THS for the start of the new school year.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

The reassignment of attendance areas approved by the Guam Education Board has THS planning to receive approximately 1400 students from the following villages: Barrigada, Barrigada Heights, Mongmong, Toto, Maite, Tiyan, Adelup, Anigua, Agana, Maina, Mogfog, Las Palmas, and Macheche. The transition team worked with the impacted high schools and feeder middle schools to identify the students that are expected to attend THS.

All students residing in these areas are expected to attend THS when the new school year begins. Consideration will be given to students to remain at their current school if similar programs they are currently enrolled in, including Guam Community College classes and JROTC programs, are not offered at THS. This determination will be made before the close of school year 2013-2014.

CURRICULUM

THS will offer the core subjects of English, Math, Science and Social Studies. The transition team is working closely with schools to administer and evaluate math placement tests to appropriately schedule and place incoming 9th graders into their math and science courses.

High schools are currently processing 10th, 11th, and 12th grade student course requests for School Year 2014-15. Elective courses, GCC courses, and the JROTC program offerings will be determined based on student need after reviewing the data received from the current schools and the number of students who are currently in these programs.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & STAFFING

While the transition team is leading the effort of preparing THS to open in August, the appointment of school administrators to include the principal and assistant principals will be made by the end of May, 2014.

THS will have a faculty that consists of 62 teachers, 5 Counselors , 1 Consulting Resource teacher (CRT), 1 ESL Coordinator , 1 School Health Counselor, 5 Proposed GCC Elective Teachers, and 1 Proposed ROTC Instructor.

Additionally, the school will have 11 School Aides, 1 Administrative Officer, 1 Computer Operator, and 5 Clerks. The Superintendent and Guam Education Board are reviewing the need for additional funds to support the staffing of THS.

Teachers in the district interested in transferring to THS were provided the following guidance by Superintendent Fernandez on April 7, 2014:

Monday, April 21, 2014: Deadline for teachers to voluntarily transfer from JFKHS or GWHS to THS based on seniority (e.g. if there were two positions available at THS for a certain subject areas and three teachers are volunteering, the two more senior teachers in that subject area will be accepted for transfer and the third would be returned to the home school). The number of teachers who will be accepted will be determined by the number of teachers needed at THS.

Friday, May 9, 2014: Deadline for teachers throughout the district to request for transfer to THS, pending availability of positions.

If required, involuntary transfers will be based on subject area need, qualifications and seniority.

Using the course enrollment data and teacher transfer request information, the transition team is currently creating the master schedule for school year 2014-2015.

STUDENT LIFE

Student concerns raised during the community outreach meetings held in February continue to be a focus for the transition team, including the following:

- **Bell Schedule:** The transition team is currently working with the Department of Public Works to determine the start and end time for THS and will finalize by May 16, 2014.
- **School Colors and Mascot:** Determination of the school colors and mascot for THS will be made by the school stakeholders.
- **School Uniforms:** The school uniform policy will be addressed during the first year of operation as guided by Board Policy 401. The school community will be engaged on the uniform decision.
- **Interscholastic Sports:** All students at THS will be afforded the same opportunity to participate in interscholastic sports.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The transition team has scheduled the following meetings and student orientation dates:

Meetings

- June 18, 2014 6:00pm – Incoming Student/Parent Meeting and Campus Tour
- June 19, 2014; 9:00 am - Staff/Faculty Meeting and Campus Tour
- July 23, 2014; 6:00 pm - Incoming Student/Parent Meeting and Campus Tour

Orientations: 9am-11am

- August 5 - Incoming 9th Grade
- August 6 - Incoming 10th Grade
- August 7 - Incoming 11th Grade
- August 8 - Incoming 12th Grade

WEBSITE

An informational website has been created to help keep stakeholders informed. The site will be updated every two weeks. Please visit the site by going to: <https://sites.google.com/a/gdoe.net/tiyan-high-school/>

EMAIL

Questions and concerns about THS can be submitted by email at ths@gdoe.net