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March 25, 2015 *33-15-0071*
Office of the Speaker
Judith E. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Honorable Judith Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
I Mina' Trentai Tres na Liheslaturan Guáhan
155 Hesler Place
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RE: Early Childhood Education Program Start-up Funding

Dear Speaker Won Pat,

I am writing to follow up on the \$1.1 million request for funding that Guam Department of Education (GDOE) is seeking for the implementation of the Pre-Kindergarten Program. As stated in my previous letter, GDOE has made marked progress in developing the program with funding being the linchpin to starting this program.

The GDOE Early Childhood Education (ECE) Committee has begun the application process in the four (4) schools identified to pilot the program. The application process started on March 23, 2015 and will run through April 30, 2015 with priority given to families residing in the attendance area of the identified schools. A lottery will be held if there are more applicants than available space for students.

GDOE has evaluated the facilities and is preparing the RFP for simultaneous construction, renovation and outfitting of the Pre-Kindergarten classrooms for the program. The ECE Planning Committee has prepared the list of supplies, materials and equipment to be ordered to properly equip the program's instructors as well.

The Department has been committed to the development and implementation of the Pre-Kindergarten Program within GDOE since our initial announcement on August 29, 2014 and the endorsement of the program through the Guam Education Board's Pre-Kindergarten Program Resolution No. 2014-08. We remain committed and we are working diligently to successfully launch this program. I am again requesting your support in providing \$1.1 million for this initiative.

Should you have any questions you may contact me at 300-1547 or via email at jonfernandez@gdoe.net. I look forward to your favorable response. Thank you.

Senseramente,

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