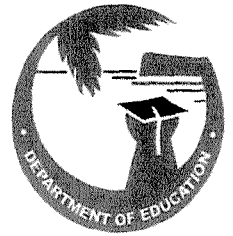




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**RE: GEB RESOLUTION NO. 2016-06 RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SY2015-16 FOR THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Dear Governor Calvo, Speaker Won Pat, Vice-Speaker B. J. Cruz, and Senator Underwood,

It is with great pleasure that I transmit to you the Guam Department of Education amended calendar for SY2015-2016 approved by the Guam Education Board at the special meeting held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

You will find included with this letter the GEB adopted Resolution No. 2016-06.

Please feel free to call me if you should have any concerns.

Senseramente,

[Signature]  
JON J. P. FERNANDEZ

Attachments

Cc: Chairwoman and Members, Guam Education Board

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**GUAM EDUCATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-06**



Introduced by:

Guam Education Board Members

**RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016 FOR THE GUAM  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3102.1(k) of Title 17 Guam Code Annotated (GCA), the Guam Education Board (GEB) has the duty and responsibility to establish a school calendar and, pursuant to Section 5117 of Title 17 GCA, GEB shall establish the duty hours for all teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2014 the GEB initially approved a school calendar for School Year 2015-16 and subsequently amended the School Year 2015-16 calendar on July 15, 2015, in response to the need to house incoming delegations for the 2016 Festival of the Pacific Arts ("FestPac") that is being hosted on Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, the GEB fully supports FestPac as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bring together the culture and art of over thirty Pacific nations and territories right here on Guam, to showcase the Chamorro heritage and language, and to provide a unique teaching and learning environment for our students, parents and teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, the GEB also fully recognizes and upholds its responsibility, pursuant to Section 715(I)(13) Title 1 GCA, to provide students with "a minimum of 180 instructional days or its equivalence" during the school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the school calendar for School Year 2015-16, as amended on July 15, 2015, was established to meet or exceed the minimum instructional requirements set by law and board policy, and to support additional professional development by incorporating an additional seven professional development days into the calendar; and

**WHEREAS**, upon further consideration of the requests of teachers represented by the Guam Federation of Teachers, and recognizing the unique circumstances facing GDOE due to the onset of FestPac, the GEB has reviewed its authority to set the school calendar and duty hours while also balancing its desire to support FestPac and the island's efforts to promote our island's culture as well as to be good hosts for visiting delegations; and

**WHEREAS**, further surveys show that parents and students are also supportive of amending the SY15-16 calendar to allow for transition time to support FestPac and to do so in a way that is uniform for all schools; therefore

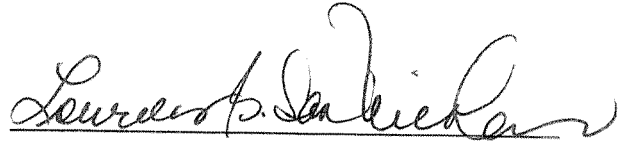
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the GEB hereby amends the School Year 2015-16 calendar to establish May 17, 2016, as the last day of classes for all Guam Department of Education public school students; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the GEB hereby establishes May 20, 2016, as the last duty day for all teachers and encourages all teachers to take advantage of the opportunity to volunteer, support, and attend FestPac activities in order to develop ideas for sharing our region's rich cultures, languages and arts with their students in the coming year.

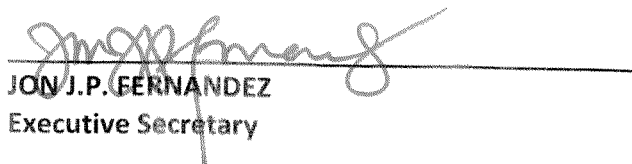
**GUAM EDUCATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-06**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor Edward Baza Calvo, *I Magá lãhen Guåhan* and all schools, the Honorable Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D., *I Mina' Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, the Honorable Vice-Speaker Benjamin Cruz, Chairperson, Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication, and the Honorable Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Ph.D., Chairperson, Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education and First Generation Initiatives.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED THIS 30<sup>th</sup> DAY MARCH 2016.**



**LOURDES B. SAN NICOLAS, Chairwoman  
Guam Education Board**


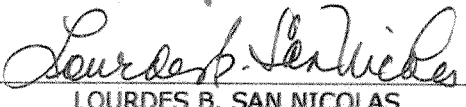


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**JON J.P. FERNANDEZ  
Executive Secretary**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CALENDAR  
SY 2015-16**

August 14, 2015	Friday	TEACHER ORIENTATION
August 17, 2015	Monday	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES / 1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER BEGINS
August 17 - 27, 2015	Monday - Thursday	HEAD START PRE-SERVICE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
August 28, 2015	Friday	HEAD START PARENT-CHILD DAY
August 31, 2015	Monday	<i>Southern High School</i> - 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter Progress Reports Due
September 7, 2015	Monday	LABOR DAY - HOLIDAY
September 14 & 21, 2015	Mondays	HEAD START CHILD ASSESSMENTS AND HOME VISITS - NO HEAD START CLASSES
September 16, 2015	Wednesday	<i>Southern High School</i> - END of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
September 17, 2015	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Due <i>Southern High School</i> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Begins
September 18, 2015	Friday	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - NO CLASSES
September 23, 2015	Wednesday	<i>Southern High School</i> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Grades Due
September 30, 2015	Wednesday	<i>Half Day Professional Development</i>
October 2, 2015	Friday	<i>Southern High School</i> - Parent Teacher Conference
October 5, 2015	Monday	<i>Southern High School</i> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Due
October 16, 2015	Friday	HEAD START TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - NO CLASSES
October 19, 2015	Monday	END OF 1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER*
<b>44 SCHOOL DAYS</b>		
October 20, 2015	Tuesday	2 <sup>ND</sup> QUARTER BEGINS <i>Southern High School</i> - END of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter/1 <sup>st</sup> Semester
October 21, 2015	Wednesday	<i>Southern High School</i> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter/2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins
October 23, 2015	Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Grades Due (at the end of duty day)
October 26, 2015	Monday	<i>Southern High School</i> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Grades Due
October 28, 2015	Wednesday	<i>Half Day Professional Development</i>
November 2, 2015	Monday	ALL SOULS DAY - HOLIDAY
November 3, 2015	Tuesday	Elementary School/Head Start Parent-Teacher Conference
November 4, 2015	Wednesday	Middle School Parent-Teacher Conference
November 5, 2015	Thursday	High School Parent-Teacher Conference <i>Southern High School</i> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Due
November 11, 2015	Wednesday	VETERANS DAY - HOLIDAY
November 20, 2015	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Due
November 23, 2015	Monday	<i>Southern High School</i> - END of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
November 24, 2015	Tuesday	<i>Southern High School</i> - 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Begins
November 26, 2015	Thursday	THANKSGIVING DAY - HOLIDAY
November 27, 2015	Friday	Flexible Makeup Day #1
December 1, 2015	Tuesday	<i>Southern High School</i> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Grades Due
December 2, 2015	Wednesday	<i>Half Day Professional Development</i>
December 8, 2015	Tuesday	OUR LADY OF CAMARIN DAY - HOLIDAY
December 11, 2015	Friday	HEAD START STAFF DEVELOPMENT <i>Southern High School</i> - 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Due
December 21, 2015 - January 1, 2016	Monday - Friday	CHRISTMAS BREAK
January 4, 2016	Monday	CLASSES RESUME
January 8, 2016	Friday	END OF 2 <sup>ND</sup> QUARTER* <i>Southern High School</i> - END of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter/2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
<b>43 SCHOOL DAYS</b>		
January 11, 2016	Monday	3 <sup>RD</sup> QUARTER BEGINS <i>Southern High School</i> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter/3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester Begins
January 18, 2016	Monday	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - HOLIDAY
January 14, 2016	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Grades Due (at the end of the duty day) <i>Southern High School</i> - 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter/2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Grades Due
January 26, 2016	Tuesday	<i>Southern High School</i> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Due
January 27, 2016	Wednesday	<i>Half Day Professional Development</i>
February 8, 2016	Monday	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - NO CLASSES
February 11, 2016	Thursday	<i>Southern High School</i> - END of 5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
February 12, 2016	Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Due <i>Southern High School</i> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Begins
February 17, 2016	Wednesday	<i>Southern High School</i> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Grades Due

February 24, 2016	Wednesday	<i>Half Day Professional Development</i>
February 26, 2016	Friday	<i>Southern High School</i> – Parent Teacher Conference
February 29, 2016	Monday	<i>Southern High School</i> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Due
March 1, 2016	Tuesday	Secondary Schools – Chamorro Language Competition
March 7, 2016	Monday	<b>GUAM HISTORY &amp; CHAMORRO CULTURE DAY - HOLIDAY</b>
March 14, 2016	Monday	END OF 3 <sup>RD</sup> QUARTER*
<b>43 SCHOOL DAYS</b>		
March 15, 2016	Tuesday	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER BEGINS</b> <i>Southern High School</i> – END of 6 <sup>th</sup> Quarter/3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester
March 16, 2016	Wednesday	<i>Southern High School</i> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Quarter/4 <sup>th</sup> Semester Begins
March 18, 2016	Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Grades Due (at the end of duty day)
March 21 – 25, 2016	Monday – Friday	<b>EASTER BREAK</b>
March 28, 2016	Monday	CLASSES RESUME <i>Southern High School</i> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Quarter/3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester Grades Due
March 28 – May 13, 2016	Monday – Friday	DISTRICT-WIDE ASSESSMENT Testing Window for Elementary and Secondary Schools
March 30, 2016	Wednesday	<i>Half Day Professional Development</i>
April 5, 2016	Tuesday	High School Parent-Teacher Conference
April 6, 2016	Wednesday	Middle School Parent-Teacher Conference <i>Southern High School</i> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Due
April 7, 2016	Thursday	Elementary/Head Start Parent-Teacher Conference
April 21, 2016	Thursday	<i>Southern High School</i> – END of 7 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
April 22, 2016	Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Due <i>Southern High School</i> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Begins
April 27, 2016	Wednesday	<i>Half Day Professional Development</i> <i>Southern High School</i> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Grades Due
May 6, 2016	Friday	<i>Southern High School</i> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Due
May 17, 2016	Tuesday	END OF 4 <sup>TH</sup> QUARTER* / LAST DAY OF CLASSES <i>Southern High School</i> – END of 8 <sup>th</sup> Quarter/4 <sup>th</sup> Semester
May 18-20, 2016	Wednesday - Friday	TEACHER WORK DAYS
<b>40 SCHOOL DAYS</b>		
<b>SCHOOL VACATION BEGINS</b>		
<b>SUMMARY</b>		
<b>FLEXIBLE MAKE UP DAYS</b>		
<b>APPROVED BY THE 7<sup>th</sup> GEB</b>		
170 School Days (including seven (7) ½-day PD) 4 Teacher Work Days 2 Parent-Teacher Conference Days 2 Professional/Staff Development Days 178 Work Days	November 27, 2015	 <b>JON J. P. FERNANDEZ</b> SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION DATE 3/31/16
		 <b>LOURDES B. SAN NICOLAS</b> CHAIR, GUAM EDUCATION BOARD DATE 3/31/16