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Notes from the Education Suruhanu.

Each month the Office of the Education Suruhanu (the OES) provides a report summarizing its activities. The Education Suruhanu investigates any complaints of a person alleging violations of any of the Fourteen (14) Points of the Every Child is Entitled to an Adequate Public Education Act, P.L. 28-45. After completing an investigation, the Education Suruhanu informs the complainant of the conclusion or recommendation in writing and if appropriate, any action taken or to be taken by GDOE. In addition, the Education Suruhanu is authorized to perform inspections of the public schools to ensure compliance with various provisions of the Fourteen (14) Points (the 14 Points). The Education Suruhanu may perform such inspections on its own or with the assistance of various Government of Guam Regulatory Agencies including but not limited to the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), the Guam Fire Department (GFD), and the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA). When working to fulfill the obligations of the office, the Education Suruhanu acts independently, informally, and neutrally. It is the role of the office to approach its duties as a neutral fact finder rather than as an advocate.

Complaint Report.

No complaints were filed with the office for the month of June. The 2009-2010 school-year ended on May 27. The Summer School program began on June 14, 2010. The total enrollment for summer school is estimated at 3,000 students in the various public schools.

School inspection report.

Pursuant to 17 GCA Chapter 11, the OES along with various Government of Guam regulatory agencies conducted inspections of the following schools to ensure compliance with various provisions of the 14 Points as well as compliance with the various regulatory codes. DPHSS issues demerit points based on the discrepancies/violation discovered during the inspection for the school building and for the cafeteria. In addition, DPHSS issues a letter grade based on the total number of demerit points issued. GFD and GEPA do not issue demerit points or letter grades but both agencies issue an inspection report detailing any discrepancies/violations discovered during the inspection. During the course of the inspections, several GDOE maintenance personnel can be observed on campus addressing the violations discovered during such inspections.

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1. Tamuning Elementary School. DPHSS issued a letter grade "A" for the school building with a total of 6 demerits. The Cafeteria was not inspected at this time on the basis that it is not in operation during summer school session and there is currently no vendor assigned to operate the cafeteria.
2. L.B. Johnson Elementary School. DPHSS issued a letter grade "A" for the school building with a total of 8 demerits. The Cafeteria was not inspected at this time on the basis that it is not in operation during summer school session and there is currently no vendor assigned to operate the cafeteria.
3. Merizo Elementary School. DPHSS issued a letter grade "A" for the school building with a total of 4 demerits. The Cafeteria was not inspected at this time on the basis that it is not in operation during summer school session and there is currently no vendor assigned to operate the cafeteria.
4. F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School. DPHSS issued a letter grade "A" for the school building with a total of 4 demerits. The Cafeteria was not inspected at this time on the basis that it is not in operation during summer school session and there is currently no vendor assigned to operate the cafeteria.

Other activities.

Our office was requested by the Acting Director of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSA) to visit the Rays of Hope establishment to conduct a walk-through of the various rooms being used to provide instruction to various Guam Department of Education (GDOE) school children who participate in the Rays of Hope program. The following individuals participated in the walk through: Mr. John Flores, Ms. Annie Unpingco, Attorney Elisabeth Cruz all from DMHSA, Mr. Eddy Mesa from Rays of Hope, and Ms. Dee Quinata a GDOE teacher assigned to provide instruction to the students who attend the Rays of Hope. The Acting Director of DMSHA was informed that our observations/findings were not official and that the necessary regulatory agencies should be contacted to ensure that the Rays of Hope facility is in compliance with any applicable rules, regulations, building codes, or laws for the intended use of such facility.

Respectfully submitted this 12^h day of July 2010.



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