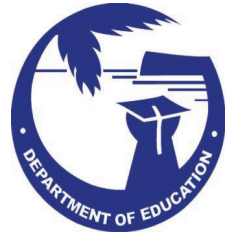




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To: All Members, Guam Education Board

From: Superintendent

Subject: Superintendent's Report – July 15, 2025 GEB Meeting

JFKHS/SSHS Double Session Status Report: Principals of JFKHS, SSHS, OHS, and FBLG MS have made further revisions to instructional schedules for the coming school year to expand learning time for all four schools. Close coordination with DPW Transportation affirmed their ability to provide student transportation. They are prepared to speak to related questions from the GEB.

FEMA Project Status Report: Please see the supplemental document in your packet, GDOE-FEMA Typhoon Mawar Report. In addition to schools named for support, GDOE has received assurance of FEMA grant support to provide modular classrooms at the FBLG campus that can support needed space for SSHS students. Detailed planning is in process with DPW and support from the Governor's office to complete the procurement process for design and construction of the temporary classrooms with collateral equipment on the GHC land adjacent to SSHS. Entries in [blue text](#) reflect new information since our last meeting. GDOE F&M teams are working with Mr. Surla to factor in our labor costs as well as materials that have been used to make Mawar-related repairs on the FEMA-approved and claimed campuses. Several amended claims for reconsideration and reimbursement have been forwarded to FEMA for processing.

FBLG Renovation Status Report – Northern Construction anticipates that completion of work could be in December 2025. Change orders are pending funding that will allow the contractor to order materials that will affect the pace of work as well. Funding appeals to US Ed for ARP funding release has been successful. As of Saturday, July 12, ChST, the FBLG project ARP claim has been paid by US Ed. This will allow us to pay individual Northern Construction invoices this week to accelerate work at FBLG. We are prioritizing completion of this project over others to ensure movement of Yigo students back to their campus as soon as possible. This project is not in a stop-work status.

Mold Mitigation and Fence Repair Status Report -Contracts are being processed for procurement through GSA. Mold contract scope was revised to survey all school sites via air sampling to determine which, if any, schools will need abatement. Results are pending currently. Fence repair contract still at GSA for vendor selection. GDOE F&M is doing fence repair and replacement on campuses excluded from the contract, and work plan includes repairing existing pre-Mawar damage.

Data Dashboard Status Report: The final dashboard product is intended to feed into the GOSDV project. We have moved to the 2nd vendor as the initial vendor (Power School) could not meet the GOAG language requirements. In the interim, departments are building components by discipline to be included in a tabbed data notebook accessible through the website. Components include attendance, discipline, facilities, assessment results, parent survey results, and others. Please see PPT outlining work in progress included in the packet for more details. This work is still in process. Pearson Education has released raw SBA data and will have the majority in report form by July 18. This will be imported into the project to provide student achievement data accessible on the website down to the school level in math, ELA, reading, and science for grades 3-8 and 11. The project team would like to schedule a subcommittee meeting or work session to present the tools developed to date.

Management and Curriculum Audit Status Report. Remote work has begun and will continue with primary emphasis on business practices and organizational structure being considered early. The Pacific Policy Center team is on site this week to conduct stakeholder interviews. GEB members will have participated in their group session prior to the July meeting. Employee, leadership, and staff surveys are active and are being completed. Once the new school year is underway, curriculum implementation and methods will be added to the work plan. We expect the team to be on island again mid to late September to conduct school site work at selected schools. The vendor is Pacific Policy Research Center. Please see the work plan schedule provided in your packet for more detailed information. The initial work is to be completed by the end of the fiscal year, with the report and implementation plan to follow. Implementation design at present is to be completed over the coming year.

Chief Brodie Campus Status and Proposal: The GEB has a draft proposal presented through the Governor's Office for development of an MOA/MOU for SIFA Charter School utilization for the 25-26 school year. Draft legislation is also being presented by Senator Muna-Barnes to the same end, with legislative amendment to allow for lease arrangements. We are supportive of the Senator's proposal; however, the GEB should likely provide guidance as to preference to better focus on the preferred model. Currently, GDOE is surveying the campus to ensure all GDOE assets are secure or removed.

Travel Reporting Requirements: Guam law requires GDOE to report all locally funded travel to the Legislature by quarter. There has been no travel funded through appropriated funds; however, we have prepared a detailed 3rd quarter federally funded travel report and provided it via live link on Google Drive. Unless critical to legal compliance, we have suspended all travel for department leads and project managers who may have accounting information needed by E&Y for the annual audit. That restriction will remain in place until the audit is complete.

Miscellaneous: The facilities 14 Points principals' roll-up is included in your packet. This is the end-of-school-year package that will determine the summer break facility and personnel work over the summer break. The most recent staffing report is also provided and is being updated daily as new employees – CBA, and teachers are brought on board.

Draft filing materials are being prepared by GDOE Legal with Bruman Group to join a class action suit against the US Dept. of Education over the loss of ARP funding. This action is on hold as we are now able to draw ARP funds. If the Administration reverses course again, we may need to proceed with this legal action.

Since US Ed is now reimbursing the locally paid and pre-approved ARP projects, we are working closely with DOA and BBMR to supplement our rotating fund of \$10M with an added \$15M for a total of \$25M to continue the payment and reimbursement cycle. I have notified the

three large-scale contractors, CoreTech, Northern, and J&B Modern, to resume work on the approved projects only. The intent is completing all approved work by the March 2026 deadline, drawing down all obligated funds.

Respectfully,

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