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Fwd: BP705 Okkodo High School

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Subject: BP705 Okkodo High School
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Hafa adai,

My name is Colleen Concepcion, vice chairwoman of SY 2025-2026 Island-wide Board of Governing Students ("IBOGS") and in collaboration with me is Tristan Alvarez, my fellow IBOGS representative for Okkodo High School. As members of the Island Board of Governing Students, we have gathered student opinion on the newly proposed amendments to BP705 - Food and Nutrition Services Management—applying nutritional requirements to school fundraisers and designating a local school wellness policy coordinator to assist

schools with meeting recommendations and requirements; limiting adult food and beverage distribution to GDOE food services during the school day; and prohibiting all food and beverage fundraiser sales during the official school day.

Based on feedback gathered from students, student councils, and club leaders, many feel opposition towards certain recommendations. Particularly, they are concerned that student-led activities would be negatively impacted by such recommendations.

First, we address the mandated nutritional requirements. While students acknowledge the importance of nutritional value and "Smart Snacks," they believe that the previous version of Board Policy 705, which called for nutritional requirements in school food but exempted a limited amount of fundraisers, better balanced both nutrition and the facilitation of student engagement through such activities. In mandating nutritional requirements in fundraisers, student organizations are unable to create fundraisers, particularly gift or "gram" sales, that appeal to students and raise money for student endeavors.

Next, we address the limitations of food distributions to adults. Students fail to see the need for faculty and staff of schools to be impacted by the limitations. In Okkodo High School in particular, food sales have always been limited to adults to comply with the latest revision of BP705, as the OHS school day ends after lunch and clubs have no permitted time to facilitate food fundraisers to students during the school day. As a result, Okkodo High School clubs had resorted to selling food and beverages to faculty and staff. Students believe that limiting sales from faculty and staff would greatly impact the access to fundraising opportunities that gather support for student engagement and student endeavors; there would be little to no successful

opportunities for students to raise funds for endeavors and the activity of clubs and organizations would be hindered.

Lastly, as part of a school that is prohibited from selling to other students due to the nature of our school schedule and the restrictions of BP705, students believe that banning all food and beverage fundraiser sales during the official school day would be detrimental to clubs and activities across the island. With limited opportunities to fundraise outside of school hours, many student organizations must rely on in-school fundraising to remain active and sustainable.

By prohibiting or severely restricting access to the most profitable fundraising methods, the proposed revisions to BP705 would negatively impact student participation in clubs, overall school engagement, and participation in the community these organizations help foster. As a result, students, clubs, and student leaders oppose these revisions.

Thank you on behalf of myself and Tristan Alvarez, and the students of Okkodo High School to the Guam Education Board for your consideration.

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Please add on Board packet under Policy Committee.

Thank you.

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