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**DIBISION INESTUDION CHAMORU YAN ESPESIÁT NA PRUGRÁMA SIHA
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October 29, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendent of Education

VIA: Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum & Instructional Improvement *[Signature]*
Deputy Superintendent of Educational Support & Community Learning

FROM: Administrator, CHamoru Studies & Special Projects Division

SUBJECT: Faniyákan CHamoru/CHamoru Medium-Immersion Program Permanent Site

Faniyákan CHamoru, Guam's first CHamoru Medium/Immersion elementary program opened its first Kindergarten cohort in August, 2019. Seven years later, we are now Pre-K through 6th grade, with an enrollment of 58 students and 46 families.

Our program is currently housed at Tun Pedro Camacho Lujan Elementary School, utilizing eight classrooms, six of which are designated classrooms, one as a multi-purpose common area for cultural activities, (chant, dance, demonstrations), and lastly, office space.

Faniyakan CHamoru has reached capacity with no future space allocation at its current location at PC Lujan Elementary School in Barrigada. In order for our program to continue to thrive, an alternate site would be most beneficial.

After input from our stakeholders, 98% of our parents support a future and permanent home for our students, while 100% of our faculty and staff believe that a larger campus would greatly enhance our CHamoru Medium-Immersion Program with space to accommodate cultural arts, crafts, and demonstrations.

We, the parents, students, faculty and staff of Faniyákan CHamoru, humbly submit our request to utilize Lyndon Baines Johnson Elementary School in Tamuning as a future permanent site for our program. We understand it is currently vacant and believe it would be an ideal site for our Faniyákan CHamoru.

LBJ Elementary School campus would be an ideal site conducive for Fino' CHamoru and our mission to enhance the teaching of our language and culture in all aspects of the whole child. Our students have shown great accomplishments in the program and to own their own campus, would certainly instill pride in their mission to proudly speak their language and practice their cultural heritage. They would finally be solely associated strictly as Faniyákan CHamoru and not as an appendage to another elementary school.

PC Lujan, its principal, faculty and staff have greatly welcomed us into their campus, but, as we have all witnessed, growth in numbers necessitated reassessment of our future. It is time for us to expand our footprint and we believe that the move to LBJ's campus would allow us to prosper and grow exponentially.

Faniyákan CHamoru will provide a detailed plan to execute how it intends to rehab the grounds and ready it for occupancy on the first day of summer or sooner, once permission is granted to utilize the campus.



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We are ready to meet with you to discuss our plan and any obstacles in our efforts to obtain this site. Please let us know when we can meet to discuss this matter further.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Faniyakan CHamoru Stakeholders,

si Tun **JIMMY SÁNTOS TERIA**

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved

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Date

CC:

Deputy Superintendent, Assessment & Accountability
Deputy Superintendent, Finance & Administrative Services
All Faniyakan CHamoru Stakeholders
Principal, Pedro C. Lujan Elementary School
Principal, Tamuning Elementary School
CHamoru Studies Division