

**GUAM EDUCATION BOARD
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-02**



Introduced by:

Guam Education Board Members

**RELATIVE TO ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET REQUEST
FOR THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3121 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, the Guam Education Board (GEB) is responsible for approving an annual budget by resolution; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2025, the Superintendent issued the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Budget Call to school administrators and division heads, requesting budget submissions that would meet the goals of the 'Every Child is Entitled to an Adequate Public Education Act', be student-centered, and based on achieving the goals established by the GDOE State Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with 11 GCA §52101(a), public hearings were held from November 5 – November 26, 2025, to afford stakeholders the opportunity to participate in the FY2027 budget process, wherein public comment, priorities, and requests were solicited and received from students, parents, staff, the community and general public at large during the hearings and through electronic/online and hard copy surveys; and

WHEREAS, school administrators and division heads submitted and presented their FY2027 Budget requests to the Superintendent and GDOE Management Team on December 17 to December 23 2025; and

WHEREAS, the GEB has determined an aggregate of Three Hundred Seven Million Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-four Dollars and Eighty-two Cents (**\$307,027,564.82**) for FY2027 operations, in addition to the support leveraged with federal funds, is adequate to meet the goals of the 'Every Child is Entitled to an Adequate Public Education Act,' which falls within the statutory responsibility of the Guam Department of Education; and the GEB affirms this aggregate represents a complete, comprehensive assessment and good faith effort by the GEB to ensure sufficient funding is requested to advance and fulfill the department's core mission, mandates, and financial obligations; and

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WHEREAS, the GEB has determined the **\$307.03M** request for FY2027 reflects an accurate accounting of the costs for existing personnel, needed vacant positions associated with public mandates, Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), and GEB policies; the cost for essential contracts, supplies and equipment needed to effectively operate 39 schools, the central office, and maintain decommissioned facilities; utility expenses based on historical consumption and projected rate changes; and, in summary, a "true cost" of operating the school system based on current services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Guam Education Board does hereby adopt and transmit the GDOE FY2027 Annual Budget Request in the amount of \$307,027,564.82 for review by *I Mina' Trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3121 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, the Guam Education Board does hereby approve the FY2027 budget in order to meet the mandates set forth in the 14 Points outlined below:

	MANDATE
1	A certified teacher for every class in a ratio established by relevant collective bargaining agreements
2	Certified Professional Administrators
3	Certified Guidance Counselors
4	Certified School Health Counselors
5	Certified Allied Health Professionals
6	Air-conditioned or properly ventilated classrooms in which the sensible air temperature is no greater than 78° F
7	Potable water sufficient to provide each student a daily ration of drinking and washing water
8	A reliable supply of electricity
9	Proper sanitation to include flushable toilets, clean restrooms, clean dining areas, and classrooms
10	Adopted and required textbooks and workbooks issued to each public school student for the classes in which he/she is enrolled
11	Libraries, which meet the standards of the American Association of School Librarians, at each school, operated by certified librarians
12	A healthy, safe, sanitary learning environment
13	At least one hundred eighty (180) instructional days each school year with school years ending no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the calendared school year; and
14	Regular; timely school bus transportation to and from the school

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GEB appeals to the Guam Legislature to appropriate, at a minimum, an amount necessary and sufficient to meet USDOE's MOE requirement in order to maintain access to the federal funds and avoid returning the funds to the US government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Speaker Frank Blas Jr., *I Mina' Trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, the Honorable Christopher M. Dueñas, Chairman of the Thirty-Eighth Guam Legislative Committee on Appropriations, the Honorable Vincent A.V. Borja, Chairman of the Thirty-Eighth Guam Legislative Committee on Education, the Honorable Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, *I Magá hágå Guåhan* and all schools.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026



JUDITH GUTHERTZ, DPA, Chair
Guam Education Board



**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary**