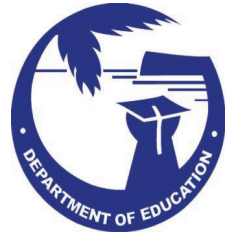




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To: All Members, Guam Education Board

From: Superintendent

Subject: Superintendent's Report – August 19, 2025 GEB Meeting

JFKHS/SSHS Double Session Status Report - Schools have reopened on schedule with no significant issues. Summer cleaning and repairs were completed. Air conditioning repair and replacement is in progress at Okkodo HS. Close coordination with DPW Transportation affirmed their ability to provide student transportation. Schedules are being revised, compensating for driver shortages.

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 the 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 FBLG. Documentation for the RFP is ready for release pending GEB approval to go forward. Procurement will be managed by DPW. 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 has resumed work at full strength, and all current invoices are paid. We are prioritizing the completion of this project over others to ensure the movement of Yigo students back to their campus as soon as possible. The anticipated completion window is March 2026, which coincides with the ARP late liquidation schedule. We anticipate the delivery and installation of collateral equipment to be completed in the May/June timeframe in preparation to reopen in August 2026. Gym locker rooms and restrooms are included in the project. GDOE F&M will complete repairs in the gym to prepare for re-inspection.

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 the work plan includes repairing existing pre-Mawar damage.

Data Dashboard Status Report - The final dashboard product is intended to feed into the GOSDV project, though it is a separate effort. 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. 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 classroom level in math, ELA, reading, and science for grades 3-8 and 11. Science assessment results are still due-in to GDOE. Management recommends adding two systems analysts to manage GDOE website/dashboard and student data (PowerSchool) and admin database (Munis) in a full-time role.

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 has visited on-site to conduct stakeholder interviews. Some offices are providing interview input via Zoom as well. Employee, leadership, and staff surveys are completed. We expect the team to be on island again mid-September to conduct school site work at selected schools as well as survey follow-up. 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. Management's intent is to use the data developed with other performance data to reorganize some departments for greater efficiency. Federal Programs, C&I, and HR are of particular interest.

Status of Decommissioned Schools - Draft legislation is being presented by Senators Muna-Barnes and Perez with legislative amendments to allow for lease arrangements. We are supportive of the Senators' proposals. Currently, GDOE is surveying the campus to ensure all GDOE assets are secure or removed to be used in another school. F&M staff make regular visits to both campuses to ensure security. Once authority is allowed through legislation, we will engage in advertising for appropriate tenants. A cost-saving suggestion rising from budget hearings on Aug 15th is to move GDOE out of leased facilities on Tiyan into vacated campuses. Management recommends serious consideration of this option, considering the proposed budget levels.

Miscellaneous:

Since US Ed is now reimbursing the locally paid and pre-approved ARP projects, we are working closely with DOA and BBMR to possibly supplement our rotating fund of \$10M with an added \$15M for a total of \$25M to continue the payment and reimbursement cycle. So far, we have paid and submitted three cycles of reimbursements totaling just over \$30M. All three large-scale contractors, CoreTech, Northern, and J&B Modern, have resumed work on the approved projects. The intent is to complete all approved work by the March 2026 deadline, drawing down all obligated funds. The existing MOA with GPA to conduct energy efficiency and mandated ADA compliance assessments of all GDOE facilities is being resumed. This is an ARP-funded effort with Siemens through GPA. With funding access restored, the work can be completed. We have a draft report for northern schools and await completion of southern schools.

Respectfully submitted,

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