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✓	38GL-26-2382	Department of Public Health and Social Services	Acting Director Designation of PeterJohn D. Camacho, MPH, for the Department of Public Health and Social Services from May 27, 2026 to May 29, 2026, and June 1, 2026 to June 4, 2026*
✓	38GL-26-2383	Department of Education	Fiscal Year 2026 2nd Quarter Fiscal Execution Report*
✓	38GL-26-2384	Guam Memorial Hospital Authority	Notification of Temporary Assignment or Detail – Genese M. Morrison, Management Analyst II, 4/27/26; Marylyne R.P. Pecina, Management Analyst IV, 5/5/26; Nadine Tricia T. Calvo, Chief of Security, 5/11/26; Petrina Alexis P. Perez, Buyer II, 5/11/26; Anna Bianca M. De Castro, Buyer II, 5/11/26; Osie F. Cruz II, Buyer II, 5/11/26; Audrey Lynn G. Paulino, Hospital Materials Management Assistant Administrator, 5/11/26.
✓	38GL-26-2385	Department of Education	Guam Education Board Meeting Packet for May 19, 2026*
✓	38GL-26-2386	Bureau of Statistics and Plans	Port Authority of Guam (PAG) 2025 Master Plan.
✓	38GL-26-2387	Guam Housing Corporation	Acting President Designation of Angela M. Camacho, for Guam Housing Corporation from May 26, 2026 to May 29, 2026*
✓	38GL-26-2388	Guam Housing Corporation	Unaudited Statement of Revenue and Expenditure Report for April 2026*
✓	38GL-26-2389	Guam Community College	Unaudited Revenues and Expenditures Report and Staffing Pattern as of April 30, 2026*
✓	38GL-26-2390	Guam Community College	Board of Trustees Meeting Packet for May 11, 2026*
✓	38GL-26-2391	Guam Land Use Commission	GLUC Zone Change Approval for Application No. 2024-21 from "R1" to "C" Zone, Lot 2322-NEW-1-2-R2, in the Municipality of Mangilao*
✓	38GL-26-2392	Office of the Governor of Guam	Appointment and Supporting Documents for Joshua Santos Miller, Member, Guam Ethics Commission Board of Commissioners.
✓	38GL-26-2393	Department of Public Health and Social Services	Guam Board of Examiners for Optometry Board Meeting Packet for May 26, 2026*

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2 messages

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Tue, May 26, 2026 at 9:30 AM

To: 38th Committee On Rules &lt;committeeonrules@guamlegislature.gov&gt;, Sabrina Salas Matanane &lt;office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov&gt;

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38GL-26-2385	Department of Education	Guam Education Board Meeting Packet for May 19, 2026*
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*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'**Bernice Rivera*

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Subject: GEB May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting - Reporting Requirements

To: Jean S. Taitano &lt;jean.taitano@guam.gov&gt;, Speaker Frank F. Blas Jr. &lt;speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov&gt;

Cc: MaeRose A. Nauta &lt;manauta@gdoe.net&gt;, Dr. Judith T. Won Pat (Superintendent) &lt;jtwonpat@gdoe.net&gt;


Hafa Adai!

Please see the attached documents for the Guam Education Board's Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2026.

Thank you!

Warm regards,  
Kathleen Lamorena  
Guam Department of Education

Guam Department of Education 2026

**2 attachments** **GEB Reporting Requirements - May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting.pdf**  
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## GEB May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting - Reporting Requirements

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Fri, May 22, 2026 at 4:25 PM

Thank you, Ms. Bernice!

Warm regards,  
Kathleen

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent of Education

May 20, 2026

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
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Honorable Frank Blas Jr.  
Speaker  
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**Dear Governor Leon Guerrero and Speaker Blas Jr.:**

***Håfa Adai!*** Pursuant to Public Law 31-233, Section 38, *Reporting Requirements for Boards and Commissions*, attached are copies of the Guam Education Board's meeting agenda, ad, and other documents as discussed at the May 19, 2026, regular board meeting. The meeting was held in the Gallery, GDOE Building B, Tiyan.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (671)300-1627.

**Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent of Education

Attachments



**38GL-26-2385**  
Messages and Communications

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*Marie Crisostomo*



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Vice-Chair

**Guam Education Board  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, May 19, 2026  
3 PM  
Gallery, Bldg. B, Tiyan  
AGENDA**

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| INFO        | I. <b>Meeting Call to Order</b>   |
| INFO/ACTION | II. <b>Consent Calendar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. April 28, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes</li> <li>b. April 28, 2026 Superintendent’s Report</li> </ul>  |
| INFO        | III. <b>Communications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Correspondence received by the Board after April 28, 2026</li> </ul>   |
| INFO        | IV. <b>Ex-Officio Member Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Islandwide Board of Governing Students (IBOGS) Report</li> <li>b. Guam Federation of Teachers (GFT) Report</li> <li>c. Mayor’s Council of Guam (MCOG) Report</li> </ul>  |
| INFO/ACTION | V. <b>Unfinished Business/Committee Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Superintendent’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. JFKHS/SSHS Double Session Status Report</li> <li>ii. FEMA Projects Status Report</li> <li>iii. FBLG Renovation Status Report</li> <li>iv. Mold Mitigation/Fencing Status Report</li> <li>v. Dashboard Status Report</li> <li>vi. Financial Issues</li> <li>vii. JP Torres Success Academy</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Executive Committee</li> <li>c. Instructional &amp; Academic Support Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. May Head Start Report</li> <li>ii. Resolution 2026-03 Relative to Strengthening the Integration of Civics Education at the Guam Department of Education Middle and High Schools</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Safe &amp; Healthy Schools Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Security Concerns</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. Policy Review &amp; Strategic Planning Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. BP 705 Food and Nutrition Services Management</li> </ul> </li> <li>f. Fiscal Management Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. GDOE Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accounts Payable Aging Report</li> <li>2. Declaration of Financial Status Designation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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- 3. Unaudited Statement of Appropriation, Expenditures, and Encumbrances for Fiscal Year 2026
  - 4. Grant Status Report for Fiscal Year 2026
    - ii. US Department of Education Specific Conditions Report
    - iii. FY 2025 Audit Update
    - iv. Management and Curriculum Audit
  - g. Legislative Committee
    - i. Legislative Proposals Introduced
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- VI. **New Business**
- a. Waiver on Loss of Instructional Days
  - b. Board Policy 379.1 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy
  - c. Spend Plan – Lapsed Funds
    - i. Prior FY Fiscal Lapses
    - ii. ARP Payroll Reimbursements
- VII. **Executive Session** (Board Policy 125.12)
- a. Personnel matters (5 GCA § 8111 (a))
  - b. Matters within scope of Public Employee-Management Relations Act, including collective bargaining (5 GCA § 8111 (b))
  - c. Superintendent’s Evaluation
  - d. Legal Matters
- VIII. **Celebrate Success**
- IX. **Public Participation** (Board Policy 125.6) Time Limit 3 minutes
- X. **Announcements & Adjournment**

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The Chamoru Land Trust Commission Working Session will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 10:00AM in the CHamoru Land Trust Commission Conference Room, Suite 223, ITC Building, Tamuning, Guam

WORKING SESSION AGENDA

CLTC Forest System Plan Parcels for Conservation Interests

To view the working session virtually, log on to Google Meeting link: meet.google.com/bwa-jddb-oha Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service may call the CLTC Office at (671)300-3296 or email cltc.admin@cltc.guam.gov for more information.



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UPDATE: How to Participate and Access Resources

Residents and stakeholders can view and download the Plan resources using the Google link provided below: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yq5WukuX3iWDGROSdRxGO\_SNI2smuq?usp=drive\_link

Hard copies continue to be available for review at the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Office of the Director, 513 West Marine Corps Drive, Ricardo J. Bordallo Complex, Hagatna, 8:00 am-5:00 pm. Written comments can also be submitted at the BSP's main office in Adelup.

UPDATE: Submission Instructions

The Bureau encourages the public to use the official comment form available via the Google drive link.

- Download: Click on the Google link to download the formal comment form.
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COMMENT DEADLINE: Comments must be submitted no later than Friday, May 22, 2026, by 5:00 p.m., ChST. Facsimile submissions will not be accepted.

Your input is vital to ensuring the 2050 Guåhan Sustainability Plan reflects the values and aspirations of all who call Guam home.

For more information, please contact Director Lola E. Leon Guerrero, at 671-472-4201/2. Any persons needing special accommodations, please email raymond.dungca@bsp.guam.gov or call 671-475-9683

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Guam Education Board REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, May 19, 2026 3 PM Gallery, Bldg. B, Tiyan AGENDA

- Meeting Call to Order
Consent Calendar
Communications
Ex-Officio Member Reports
Unfinished Business/Committee Reports
Executive Committee
Instructional & Academic Support Committee
Policy Review & Strategic Planning Committee
Fiscal Management Committee
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**GUAM EDUCATION BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026  
3 pm  
Gallery, GDOE Building B  
MINUTES**

**VOTING MEMBERS**

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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Acting GDOE Superintendent

**I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Guthertz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Dr. Judith Won Pat, Acting Superintendent and Executive Secretary, took the roll call. The following members were **present** for the meeting:

***Voting Members:***

Guthertz, Judith, DPA – Chair  
Okada, Dr. Mary A.Y. – Vice-Chair  
Ada, Peter Alexis D.  
Gutierrez, Maria A.  
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.  
Sablan, Angel R.

***Non-Voting Members:***

Fedenko, Timothy – GFT Representative  
Kohen Diego - IBOGS Representative (via Zoom)

***Legal Counsel:***

Wolff, Matthew

***Absent:***

***Voting Members:***

Torres, Carl E. II

***Non-Voting Members:***

Terlaje, Brian Jess – MCOG Representative

The Acting Superintendent announced that six (6) members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum.

## II. CONSENT CALENDAR –

Mrs. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Dr. Okada, to approve the March 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes, and January 27, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

- 1) March 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 2) February 12, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
- 3) January 27, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

III. **COMMUNICATIONS** – Dr. Guthertz informed the Board that she received a year-long evaluation of the Guam Department of Education’s high school program conducted by Harvard School of Education doctoral students, including two from Guam. The report was completed in December 2026, shared at no cost, and copies were prepared for the Board, superintendent, and management team. She encouraged everyone to read it and asked the management team to consider its insights when updating curriculum and making improvements at the high school level. She also thanked the Guam students and Harvard University, and invited the media to review the report, and requested that it be included in the Board’s official records.

Mrs. Gutierrez said she believes one of the IBOGS participated in the report.

Dr. Won Pat said a student from George Washington High School (GWHS) asked about a side road being paved. She had coordinated with the Lieutenant Governor and Public Works to confirm that the road would be paved on April 17th, and the work was completed on that date. Additionally, the Office of the AG (AG) sent instructions to ensure everything is properly prepared for tonight’s meeting before her contract is signed. This includes posting the announcement according to open government law, making it available on the website and public portal, including detailed information in the agenda, and submitting all related documents, including the meeting minutes, after the vote.

Dr. Guthertz thanked the AG's office for collaborating with the school system and the Board to address any concerns, noting that they will continue this work later in the agenda when acting on unfinished business and committee reports.

Mrs. Gutierrez clarified that the student mentioned in the report is Kohen Diego, the chairman of the IBOGS, who is present on Zoom today, and congratulated him.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Employment Agreement for Dr. Won Pat as Superintendent of GDOE -**

Mr. Ada urged the Board to take immediate action on Dr. Won Pat’s long-awaited contract.

Dr. Guthertz asked if they wanted to readjust the schedule.

Mr. Ada said they need to take care of it.

Dr. Guthertz said there would likely be no objections and announced they would reorder the agenda to address the executive committee actions, including Dr. Judith Won Pat’s second amended employment agreement, inclusive of the contract amount, the four-year contract action, and also the material change on indemnification and the minor change that had occurred on the signature block.

Dr. Won Pat said that before Dr. Guthertz proceeded, she asked Attorney Matthew Wolff to provide a brief update, since he had been in direct communication with the AG.

Attorney Wolff said he was contacted weeks ago by Assistant AG Lee Miller, who requested more specificity to comply with open government law. He wanted three things: the contract's ballpark amount so the public knows how much of their money is being spent; the material change (the indemnification clause); the non-material change (replacing Mr. Sablan's name with Dr. Guthertz); and the four-year term. We complied by publishing this in the newspaper and uploading all information to the GDOE website, which is used for such purposes. After Assistant AG Dave Rivera sent another communication about the open government law, we decided to provide more specificity—not just in the multiple uploads accessible to the public, including the reviewable contract, but also explicitly in the agenda. Following his guidance, this information was uploaded to the website, the GovGuam notice portal, and continued posting on the GDOE website. We did this for the five- and two- or three-day notices, and even earlier, around seven days, to ensure public notice, confirming that today's meeting is properly noticed under the open government law. He mentioned that, as in the last meeting, hard copies of Dr. Won Pat's proposed contract is available for review, and he recommended the Board adopt and sign the proposed unsigned contract today during this properly noticed meeting to ensure both proper notice and valid signatures.

Dr. Guthertz asked whether the changes and actions ensure full compliance with open government law.

Attorney Wolff confirmed that, based on the guidance of the two Assistant AG's, the actions are fully compliant with open government law.

Mr. Ada thanked Attorney Wolff and suggested the chairperson take a single vote on the matter to comply with the AG's recommendation.

Dr. Guthertz asked if that would meet the requirements of the law.

Attorney Wolff confirmed that an all-inclusive vote, rather than separate votes on each issue, would be acceptable.

Dr. Guthertz said to let her go through the items that they're talking about.

Dr. Okada asked Attorney Wolff whether the Board's approval of the four-year contract, starting January 1st, would be retroactive or effective going forward.

Attorney Wolff replied that the statute states that the superintendent's contract shall be four years, and their interpretation is that this includes acting superintendents. This means she has already been serving in that role. While they can address any adjustments later, they want to finalize her actual contract now. Any changes to the term could be made later with the approval of the AG's office and the governor.

Mr. Sablan asked whether both the AG's and the governor's signatures are required to consummate the contract.

Attorney Wolff said that he will not give a definite opinion on the matter because it is currently involved in ongoing litigation, but he acknowledged that it is open to debate.

Mr. Sablan raised two key issues: whether the Board truly needs their signatures to finalize the superintendent's appointment, since delays prolong her acting status, and whether the Board must adjust her salary retroactively to January 1, given she has been paid differently than approved. He emphasized urgency due to the school year ending.

Dr. Guthertz suggested the Board approve and sign the document, and address any questions or disputes later with the help of the legal team.

**Dr. Okada motioned to accept the proposed unsigned contract between Dr. Judith Won Pat as the Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education and the Guam Department of Education Board at a salary of \$210,000 plus benefits, for a four-year contract, and also recognizing the material change in the contract of indemnification, and the minor change in the signature replacing Mr. Angel Sablan's signature.**

Mr. Sablan asked if they could put an effective date.

Dr. Okada stated that the Board is accepting the proposed, unsigned contract to officially start the superintendent's term on January 1, 2026, for a four-year period ending December 31, 2029, and presented this as a revised motion.

**Dr. Okada motioned, seconded by Mrs. Gutierrez to accept the proposed unsigned contract between Dr. Judith Won Pat as the Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education and the Guam Department of Education Board at a salary of \$210,000 plus benefits, for a four-year contract, and also recognizing the material change in the contract of indemnification, and the minor change on the signature replacing Mr. Angel Sablan's signature with Dr. Judith Guthertz's, to officially start the superintendent's term on January 1, 2026, for a four-year period ending December 31, 2029. A vote was conducted by raising hands, with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.**

Dr. Guthertz thanked the superintendent for her patience in resolving these issues. She also extended thanks to the AG's office for his cooperation.

*Dr. Guthertz and Dr. Won Pat signed the contract.*

Dr. Guthertz acknowledged everyone's good intentions and emphasized the need for a consistent checklist to avoid mistakes.

#### **Adjustment of Meeting Times and Item Order for the Guam Education Board**

**Mr. Ada motioned, seconded by Mrs. Gutierrez, to approve the adjustment of meeting time to 3 pm and to move Public Participation and Celebrate Success to the end of the meeting. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.**

Dr. Guthertz noted that due to long meetings, the Board agreed to start regular meetings earlier, at 3 p.m., while committee meetings will follow schedules set by each committee.

Mr. Ada agreed with the proposal but suggested splitting informational and action items into separate meetings to address the issue of excessively long meetings.

Dr. Guthertz said she will review the agenda with the superintendent and Board members to explore options, but for now she endorses a 3 p.m. start time, with the possibility of future adjustments if needed.

Mrs. Gutierrez said she supports starting meetings at 3:00 p.m. and referenced prior discussions that meetings should not exceed two and a half hours. She also emphasized considering staff who

present at meetings, noting they arrive early and should be able to leave by 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. so they can rest for work the next day. She also emphasized considering Dr. Won Pat and her management team, who start work very early and often remain on site late during meetings.

Dr. Guthertz said public participation was moved later in the agenda so individuals can attend without leaving work or classes, allowing more people to participate.

Mr. Ada asked if they could limit public participation to three minutes.

Dr. Guthertz said the suggestion will be considered, but noted that today's meeting will still be long due to an extensive public participation session and multiple student and faculty awards, resulting in a lengthy agenda.

Mrs. Gutierrez noted that the IBOGS ex-officio is attending online and has school activities to attend, and requested returning to the IBOGS report.

#### **IV. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS**

- 1) Islandwide Board of Governing Students (IBOGS) Report – Kohen Diego, Chairman of the IBOGS, announced the graduation dates for public schools at the University of Guam Fieldhouse, encouraging all Board members to attend and support the graduating class of 2026. He shared that Mrs. Gutierrez provided recommended updates to Draft Board Policy 705 to the IBOGS, and the feedback was discussed during their meeting. They also reviewed Draft SOP 1700-019 regarding local school wellness operations, specifically addressing fundraising activities. He thanked the Board for maintaining the ability to fundraise for school activities. Lastly, he mentioned that the student off-island travel procedures were shared with the IBOGS and discussed during their online meeting.
- 2) Guam Federation of Teachers (GFT) Report – N/A
- 3) Mayor's Council of Guam (MCOG) Report – N/A

#### **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1) Superintendent's Report -
  - a. JFKHS/SSHS Double Session Status Report
  - b. FEMA Project Status Report
  - c. FBLG Renovation Status Report
  - d. Mold Mitigation/Fencing Status Report
  - e. Dashboard Status Report
  - f. Student Behavior Infractions
  - g. Financial Issues
  - h. Transition Updates
  - i. JP Torres Success Academy
  - j. CCSSO Legislative Conference – Washington, D.C., March 22-24, 2026
  - k. Report on Typhoon Sinlaku
- 2) Executive Committee
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Employment Agreement for Dr. Won Pat as Superintendent of GDOE
    - i) \$210,000 contract
    - ii) 4-year contract

- iii) Material Change (Indemnification) and minor change (Signature Block)
- b. Adjustment of Meeting Times and Item Order for the Guam Education Board

3) Instructional & Academic Support Committee

- a. April Head Start Report – Ms. Angelina highlighted updates and changes to her report.

Mr. Ada asked Ms. Lape if families who relocated due to home damage are still expected to attend school or Head Start at their pre-storm locations.

Ms. Lape responded that none of the families had to change their school district. Of the six families that experienced major damage, four have returned to their homes and are making repairs, while two are staying with family or friends, but all remain within the same district. No relocations were necessary.

Mr. Ada asked Ms. Lape if she was involved in meetings discussing school changes or closures, specifically in relation to schools with Head Start programs. He expressed concern about the impact of a school closure on the Head Start program and emphasized the importance of avoiding unnecessary spending if a school is set to close.

Ms. Lape mentioned that since the last inquiry, there have been no meetings, but the matter falls under Deputy Liwag, who is aware of the request to be included in those discussions. Regarding the closures, they are still awaiting a final decision on which centers will close. Meetings were planned with Deputy Quitugua and Deputy Liwag before the storm, but the storm disrupted that schedule. They hope to reschedule soon and submit the application. Dr. Liwag has been informed about the request for inclusion in discussions about potential future closures, and she was present to hear it directly.

Mrs. Gutierrez asked if the closure would be similar to the Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary School (CBMES), where a Head Start program was moved, and students were transferred to the nearby JM Guerrero Elementary School (JMGES) due to low enrollment. She noted that enrollment continues to decline.

Ms. Lape explained that with CBMES, students were transferred to Tamuning Elementary and JMGES due to redistricting. For Head Start closures, it's different because only the classrooms, not the entire school, are closing. Internal discussions have been held to determine alternative schools for affected children. However, the Office of Head Start requires plans for current Head Start children who will return next year, as they may qualify for two years in the program. Ms. Lape is working with Deputy Quitugua and Deputy Liwag to explore options for a preschool program at the affected school and to prioritize returning Head Start children, ensuring they still receive services even if parents aren't willing to transport them to a neighboring school.

Mrs. Gutierrez expressed concern to Ms. Lape about the cancellation of classes due to staff absences, asking if the absence rate is high.

Ms. Lape explained that due to ongoing vacancies for teachers and aides, central office staff, who have received the same training as teachers (e.g., mandated reporting, active supervision), are stepping in as substitutes. Since there are no on-call substitutes for Head Start, class cancellations are a last resort. Education coordinators and mentor teachers, who are certified, cover classes, along with some central office staff who meet the qualifications. If no one is available with the necessary qualifications, classes are canceled.

Mrs. Gutierrez expressed concern about the March 12th, 2026, closure of five schools due to a lack of substitutes. She asked whether parents are notified in advance about such closures.

Ms. Lape explained that when a teacher reports an absence, they immediately try to find a replacement. If no substitute is available, they notify parents right away. However, some closures happen last-minute when a teacher feels too sick to come in after initially thinking they could go. In those cases, they go to the school to ensure students are safely sent home, either by calling parents or arranging transportation if needed.

**Dr. Okada motioned, seconded by Mrs. Gutierrez, to approve to extend the liquidation period for this grant year to June 29, 2026 and approval of the initial Underenrollment Action Plan and proposed strategies. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.**

- b. Resolution 2026-04 Relative to Supporting the Guam Department of Education CHamoru Language and Cultural Immersion Program - Dr. Guthertz asked Dr. Won Pat to provide background on the program, outline the plans moving forward, and explain how the resolution would help support it.

Dr. Won Pat said a cost analysis compared LBJ and Inalahan Elementary to the proposed Faniyakan program. LBJ and Inalahan serve 220 and 194 students with budgets of \$2.8M and \$2.7M, while Faniyakan has 58 students but requested \$2.6M and 20 FTEs. The higher cost is due to added staffing requests, including a principal, three more teachers, four aides, counselors, a computer operator, and additional CHamoru language substitute teachers. Facilities & Maintenance inspected the site and reported that significant work is needed, including replacing floor tiles and converting restrooms to standard sizes for upper elementary students, with renovations estimated near \$1M and over \$500K annually for utilities, food, grounds, and custodial services. P.C. Lujan confirmed six reserved classrooms remain available since enrollment hasn't increased as expected. The program will serve pre-K to 6th grade (allowing current 6th graders to continue), with pre-K registration beginning in February. Class sizes may range from 2 to 15 students per teacher, so combo classes will be used to avoid extremely small single-student classes. CHamoru language teachers are concerned because they teach 130–180 students daily in the mandated program, while Faniyakan teachers would have much smaller class loads of about 2–15 students per day. She checked with the University of Guam about producing more CHamoru language teachers to support Faniyakan and potential expansion to middle and high school, but was informed that no graduates are expected this year and none are certain for next year. With three current CHamoru teacher vacancies unfilled and based on a preliminary discussion with the Ways and Means Chairperson indicating a

likely status quo budget (no \$307M increase), the \$2.6M request cannot be submitted. The decision is to continue the program fully at P.C. Lujan Elementary School, with an MOU drafted between the school principal and the CHamoru Language Program Division Head.

Dr. Guthertz asked Dr. Won Pat if she was recommending that the Board act on the resolution.

Dr. Won Pat said the resolution supports ensuring adequate space and facilities for the Faniyakan program, which will continue at its current school. She noted efforts to recruit more teachers and acknowledged interest from parents in other regions, especially the south, who cannot travel to the central location. While expanding the program to other regions and starting with one grade was previously discussed, she said it would depend on budget availability, so operations will remain status quo for now.

**Dr. Okada motioned, seconded by Dr. McNinch, to approve resolution number 2026-04.**

Dr. Won Pat said she asked Jimmy to translate the document into CHamoru, but it has not been translated yet.

Dr. Okada noted that during the instructional and academic support committee meeting, they discussed including a certification in the resolution, but it is currently not reflected in the document.

Dr. Liwag said the teacher certification item was considered for inclusion in the resolution, but the team decided to defer it for further review and possibly address it in a future resolution if needed.

Dr. Guthertz asked for clarification, noting that a new proposal on the certification matter is being developed but is not yet ready for presentation.

Dr. Won Pat said they discussed the issue and decided to consult with the certification office due to recruitment challenges. They were concerned that adding certification language could hinder the Faniyakan program, so they opted to address certification separately in a future resolution.

Mr. Sablan said this resolution is different from the one adopted two meetings ago.

Dr. Guthertz said that there's a difference.

Mr. Sablan said that since the resolution was already adopted, it must be formally addressed—either disposed of or rescinded—before moving forward with a new one, to avoid having conflicting resolutions.

Dr. Guthertz agreed.

Mr. Sablan said a prior resolution endorsed by Faniyakan CHamoru was already agreed upon by Deputy Superintendent Liwag and Mr. Teria to be replaced through a new MOA and resolution. He stated that the earlier resolution is no

longer needed and should be rescinded or formally disposed of before acting on the new one.

**Mr. Ada motioned, seconded by Dr. McNinch, to recall the initial resolution relative to the Education CHamoru Language and Culture Immersion Program because there's a different resolution they would like to use at this time in order to help the program and continue its expansion.**

Mr. Sablan said the motion would rescind the initial resolution, noting that Mr. Teria has agreed to continue the Faniyakan CHamoru program at P.C. Lujan instead of LBJ due to assurances of space and support. He emphasized agreement between Mr. Teria and Deputy Superintendent Liwag on this direction. He also recommended adding language to the resolution ensuring continued support for the program's future growth and needs, so it remains a "win-win."

**Mr. Sablan motioned, seconded by Dr. McNinch, to that the language that they continue to find an opportunity to support Faniyakan CHamoru.**

Dr. Guthertz said they can do that.

Mr. Fedenko expressed concern about removing a resolution that had strong public support at a previous JFKHS meeting, noting many stakeholders attended with signs. He suggested tabling it and placing it on a future agenda so those stakeholders can respond.

Dr. Guthertz asked Dr. Won Pat to give her comments on it.

Dr. Won Pat said she was not fully familiar with the resolution but explained that Jimmy confirmed an MOU with P.C. Lujan to continue the program there due to space availability. She noted the nonprofit's interest in LBJES but said cost analysis shows it is not financially feasible under a status quo budget. She emphasized the department's decision is based on school capacity and financial constraints, including the potential use of decommissioned schools for revenue, and said the decision would only change if significantly more funding were provided.

**Mr. Ada motioned, seconded by Dr. McNinch to recall the initial resolution the Board had passed and to operationalize the second resolution. A vote was conducted by raising hands, with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.**

Mr. Sablan said that for transparency, they want to review the MOA once it is translated into CHamoru to ensure clarity and avoid future misunderstandings. He emphasized that the agreement between GDOE and the Faniyakan CHamoru administration should clearly reflect the request of its administrator, so the Board has documentation to support that it is acting on that request.

- c. Resolution 2026-03 Relative to Urging the Guam Department of Education to Consider Reintroducing and Requiring Civics Education at the Middle School and High School Levels and to Establish a GDOE Civics Recognition Program –

**Mrs. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Dr. McNinch, to accept Resolution 2026-03 Relative to Urging the Guam Department of Education to Consider Reintroducing and Requiring Civics Education at the Middle School and High School Levels and to Establish a GDOE Civics Recognition Program.**

Dr. Guthertz asked the superintendent to provide a briefing on the work being done by her office and team, and noted that Dr. Liwag had conducted research on the current curriculum and how it is being addressed.

Mrs. Gutierrez said IBOGS members at yesterday's meeting supported implementing it within GDOE.

Dr. Liwag clarified that civics is already offered in high school (grades 9–12) and included in K–12 standards. She explained the resolution aims not to reintroduce civics but to strengthen its integration, including possibly renaming the 8th-grade U.S. history course to "Civics and U.S. History," similar to practices in other U.S. districts.

Mr. Ada asked Dr. Liwag when civics was removed from the history curriculum and why it was discontinued, noting he previously taught civics and was surprised to learn it had been taken out.

Dr. Liwag said civics has not been discontinued; it is already a standalone high school course and will be strengthened by expanding civics education into middle school as well.

Mr. Ada reiterated that he previously taught civics in middle school and asked when it was discontinued, questioning what subjects were being taught in the middle school.

Dr. Liwag said she didn't have the list on hand but explained that geography is taught in 6th grade, world history in 7th grade, and U.S. history in 8th grade. She noted the focus is on ensuring civics is included alongside U.S. history in 8th grade and said this will be reviewed.

Mr. Ada said civics is broadly covered across subjects and reinforced through high school, and he was surprised by the proposal to reemphasize it. He also raised concerns about declining cursive writing instruction, noting that few students use it, and argued that students should still be taught both print and cursive skills for practical purposes like signatures. He urged the Board to reconsider strengthening these areas.

Dr. Won Pat explained that she previously taught civics in 9th grade during the junior high model, and when the system shifted to middle school in 1982, the curriculum was adjusted to geography, world history, and U.S. history in earlier grades, while civics continued to be taught in 9th grade at the high school level.

Dr. Guthertz thanked the superintendent and team for reviewing civics education, noting frequent public concern that students are not learning how to be good citizens. She said civics used to be taught and sees no reason it stopped, which led her to recommend reviving it. After committee discussions, the idea emerged to combine civics with government at the high school level. She emphasized the importance of teaching students about laws, civic responsibility, and community involvement early, and said a strong curriculum is essential. She hopes the program can begin soon, which is why the resolution is being presented.

Mr. Fedenko said he was hearing two different interpretations of the proposal—one suggesting a new civics curriculum with new subjects and textbooks, and another indicating civics is already embedded in standards from K–12. He agreed that civics education is important, but expressed concern that the proposal may be adding unnecessary content to what is already being taught.

Dr. Guthertz said she thinks the law is being taught.

Mr. Fedenko said civics is already taught through existing standards, but any expanded program from K–12 must be uniform and properly structured. He cautioned that without a clear curriculum, materials, and assessments, instruction could become inconsistent and overly informal. He added that developing such a program would require significant funding, time, and effort, and emphasized the need for alignment within the current standards-based system.

Dr. Guthertz said that the topic was discussed in the meeting, and Dr. Won Pat guided them on the course of action to make it possible.

Dr. Won Pat said civics is already taught across K–12, though there is no standardized curriculum. She mentioned a former federally funded judiciary program called “Know the Law,” whose materials may still be available even though the program ended due to a lack of funding. She explained that creating a dedicated civics course would require a formal approval process, including curriculum development, textbook selection, teacher testing of materials, and additional funding. However, teachers can still integrate civics into existing classes, especially U.S. history, by connecting topics to Guam’s role as a U.S. territory. She suggested schools could begin introducing or expanding civics instruction on a small scale through collaboration between principals and history departments before pursuing a full official course through the department’s formal policy process.

Mrs. Gutierrez supported advancing civics education under Dr. Won Pat’s leadership, noting that it is already implemented in CNMI and many U.S. states. She said NASBE strongly supports civic education and offered to share related materials. She said her personal experience with her granddaughter highlighted the need for civics in middle school to better prepare students. She acknowledged there may be some resistance but urged moving forward for the benefit of students.

**Dr. Okada motioned, seconded by Mrs. Gutierrez, to table Resolution 2026-03 until the next Board meeting. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.**

Dr. Okada said the agenda item and the resolution do not match and need alignment before approval. She recommended tabling it until the next meeting to correct the title, wording, and “be it resolved” section to ensure consistency and avoid issues.

Dr. Guthertz said the resolution will be revisited at the next meeting with revisions. She also recognized outgoing Board member Felicitas Angel for her service upon completing her term, invited remarks in her honor, and noted Mrs. Gutierrez worked closely with her.

Mrs. Gutierrez said she is not leaving until December. Then she said she is still running. She thanked Mrs. Angel for her service, acknowledging her dedication and difficult decisions, and expressed appreciation for her contributions. She added that they will miss her and wished her continued success and community involvement.

Dr. McNinch thanked Mrs. Angel for her service and expressed hope that she will continue participating in GDOE subcommittees and related efforts in the future.

Dr. Okada thanked Mrs. Angel for her contributions to the Board, the students of the Guam Department of Education, and the community.

Mr. Ada remarked that he noticed Mrs. Angel's absence from her usual seat when he arrived and later understood why. He thanked her for her contributions, shared that he often valued and considered her advice in making decisions, and wished her continued blessings.

Mr. Sablan made a brief remark to Mr. Ada, saying he previously had "an angel" beside him and still has "an angel" beside him now. He then thanked Mrs. Angel for her years of service to GDOE, praising her as a steady and reassuring voice during difficult times. He expressed hope that she might accept reappointment to the Board and continue serving, and wished her well with gratitude and blessings.

Mr. Fedenko wished Mrs. Angel well and thanked her for her calming presence and support, joking that he hopes Mr. Sablan will do the same.

Dr. Guthertz praised Mrs. Angel for her strong student focus, dedication to schools, and valuable contributions to the Board. She encouraged her to stay engaged, visit via Zoom, and continue sharing input during public participation. She also shared a proposal allowing students from the Northern Marianas and Chuuk to temporarily attend Guam schools due to difficult conditions at home. She said students would be enrolled in Guam schools, with academic records provided to ensure they do not lose a school year when they return. She also suggested seeking support from community sponsors, families, and possible assistance from organizations like United Airlines and the Coast Guard to help transport and support students. Emphasizing regional solidarity, she urged Board support and encouraged schools and families to help accommodate the students if the initiative moves forward.

Mrs. Angel gave a farewell message reflecting on her five-plus years on the Guam Education Board, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to serve and her lifelong passion for education. She thanked Board members, school staff, leadership under Dr. Won Pat, parents, and students for their support and

resilience, and reaffirmed her continued commitment as an educator and student advocate after her term ended.

Dr. Guthertz said Mrs. Angel's remarks were memorable, added that they will stay in contact, and welcomed her to continue attending future meetings.

#### 4) Safe & Healthy Schools Committee

- a. Security Concerns – Mr. Ada said he has been meeting via Zoom with Dr. McNinch and Carl Torres to discuss issues, including the elevator at Southern High School, rental of school facilities for community use, and use of the swimming pool and athletic grounds at Southern High School. He also mentioned consulting Dr. Julie Ulloa-Heath for further input and noted that findings will eventually be turned over to the Policy Committee for review.

Dr. Ulloa-Heath reported discussions on creating a Board policy for renting Southern High School facilities like the swimming pool and auditorium, including setting fees and potential renovations by users. She noted key auditorium upgrades needed, including the chiller and fire alarm systems, and said a task force may be formed to formalize the policy. She also updated safety efforts, including planned solar lighting for schools with break-ins, prioritizing Finegayan Elementary School (FES) and MU Lujan Elementary School (MULES), ongoing fencing projects nearing completion except at THS and DL Perez Elementary School (DLPES), and continued procurement steps with DFAS support.

Mr. Ada said school facilities have historically been rented out for community use with limitations, but emphasized that safety must come first and any rental income should go directly to schools, which would need to be established through formal policy.

Dr. Ulloa-Heath said she believes an existing policy already addresses that issue, though she is unsure which one.

Mrs. Gutierrez said there is an existing Board Policy 620 that could be updated and revised rather than creating a new one. She noted that while leased schools are different, some schools allow outside sports groups to use facilities like gyms, and she is unsure how those arrangements are handled or where any rental funds go. She asked Deputy Leon Guerrero to look into it.

Mr. Ada asked Dr. Ulloa-Heath to enlighten the Board about the elevators.

Dr. Ulloa-Heath said the Southern High elevator is working and that they coordinated with Otis. She noted upcoming campus walkthroughs and summer assessments, adding that most elevators need costly modernization and hoped a report would be provided to the Board next month.

Mr. Ada asked for clarification that the systems are currently working, but still need upgrading.

Dr. Ulloa-Heath said that was correct.

Mr. Ada asked how many elevators at SHS are currently working.

Dr. Ulloa-Heath said just one.

Mr. Ada asked whether different vendors installed the other six elevators and noted there was even a recommendation to demolish and fully replace an elevator rather than repair it.

Dr. Ulloa-Heath said there are multiple elevators and two vendors involved—primarily Otis and another vendor, Oceania. She explained that some repair responsibilities fall to the vendors while others are handled by Facilities and Maintenance, and they are working with Otis to clearly define responsibilities and ensure parts and repairs are properly managed.

Mr. Ada said there are actually three elevator vendors, though he was unsure of the third. He added that the work will continue.

Mrs. Gutierrez said she was pleased with the new fencing at FES, noting it is complete and improves security. She added that the remaining old materials still need to be removed, thanked Facilities and Maintenance (F&M), and joked that the improved fence will make Dr. Kasperbauer happy.

Dr. Guthertz noted that at GWHS, the old fence was reinstalled instead of a new one. She asked whether this was part of the contract or due to budget limitations, and brought it to the team's attention since it was not what she expected.

Dr. Won Pat explained that after Typhoon Mawar, Facilities and Maintenance, and school principals identified damaged fences for FEMA funding, but not all schools were approved. GWHS was not included in the FEMA award, so its fence could not be replaced. She said the selection was based on FEMA criteria and the validation process and apologized to the GWHS principal, Mr. Fullo.

Dr. Guthertz recalled that the GWHS fence was heavily damaged in the last typhoon and asked whether the old fence was reinstalled afterward.

Mr. Ada said that they stood it up.

Dr. Guthertz said awardees would be recognized out of order to accommodate attendees who needed to leave for other commitments.

**Celebrate Success** – The following were recognized: THS Jaylene Masga and Caela Santos (1st Place in the Group Website Category, Guam History Day Competition), Annielynn Palacios and Isabella Tajeron (2nd Place in the Group Performance Category, Guam History Day Competition); THS Jacob Abella and Veronica Mesa (People's Choice Award in the Dinanche Competition at the Hyatt Mes CHamoru Culinary Competition 2026), THS Air Force Junior ROTC on earning a 100% grade and exceeds standards rating during the headquarters unit assessment, THS Cadets Jimmy Cruz, Eren Hoffman, and Lily Beck for receiving Outstanding Performer Certificates, and THS Cadet Logan Pablo for being awarded the AFJROT coin; THS AFJROTC for their achievements in the Pacific Regional Drill Meet; LPUMS for leading the junior division at the Guam History Day Competition: Mirando Morato (1st Place Research Paper Category), Aubreale Charfauros (1st Place Individual Website), Jhaneia Nebres (2nd

Place Individual Website), Kekoa Godoy & Gabriel Bacani (1st Place Group Website), Gabby Simon & Isaac Crelencia (2nd Place Group Website), Glenn Eding Jr. and Ocean Palakiko (3rd Place Group Website), Nathan Sebastian (2nd Place Individual Exhibit), Azylaea Babauta (3rd Place Individual Exhibit), Cydnie Meno & Kaliana Smau (1st Place Group Exhibit), Randi Retuyan & Katherine Serisola (2nd Place Group Exhibit), Erica Paulino & Olivia Tareyama (3rd Place Group Exhibit), Erica Paulino & Olivia Tareyama (Special Awards - Spanish Era), Randi Retuyan & Katherine Serisola (Special Awards - Asian Influence), Hawon Lee ( 3rd Place - Individual Documentary), Recksanne Ceasar & Myanna Yalolmar (1st Place Group Documentary), Noah De Guzman & Kevin Zhi (2nd Place Group Documentary); GWHS Inatan Leon Guerrero Dunn (published "Ambitions as a Writer"); GWHS Janessa Alerre (accepted to Princeton University); JRMS Francis Luya (2026 Guam Scripps Regional Spelling Bee Champion); LES Hersean Stephen (1st Place Sodexo Future Chefs Challenge); LES (earned an "A" in their DPHSS Sanitation Inspection); , AMS (1st Place in the Lălai/Kânta yan Baila (Song and Dance) category at 2026 Inacha'igen Fino' CHamoru Cultural Competition).

5) Policy Review & Strategic Planning Committee – Dr. Okada said some policies were reviewed and will be presented at the next meeting.

6) Fiscal Management Committee

a. GDOE Financial Report -

- i) Accounts Payable Aging Report – Dr. Okada shared that the accounts payable aging report showed a total of about \$1.5 million outstanding, including current and past-due balances, with roughly half a million over 90 days. DFAS is actively addressing these, especially those over 90 days. She said the committee noted an overall improvement in the department’s payment of outstanding bills.
- ii) Declaration of Financial Status Designation - Dr. Okada said there was no information available on the declaration of financial status, so nothing needed to be presented at the meeting.
- iii) Unaudited Statement of Appropriation, Expenditures, and Encumbrances for Fiscal Year 2026 - Dr. Okada said the report in the packet showed original appropriations from BBMR, available cash balances, and GDOE expenditures and encumbrances, which the committee reviewed and directed questions to DFAS.
- iv) Grant Status Report for Fiscal Year 2026 – Dr. Okada said the report shows a total available budget of \$77,241,632 from all active grants, which the committee reviewed and discussed. A report to the committee on expired grants as of April 2026 showed the department failed to spend \$21,826,966, despite assurances in April 2025 that these funds would be lost. Major unspent amounts include \$4.4 million from ESF-2, \$3.4 million in ARP funding (awarded in 2021), \$1.9 million from CG-21, \$5.4 million from CG-22, and nearly \$5.5 million from SPED grants (FY19, 22–23), largely due to inadequate encumbrance and liquidation. She noted that most of these grants were flagged over a year ago, and the unspent

funds reflect the department's actions—or lack thereof—before Dr. Won Pat and her team started in January.

Dr. Guthertz expressed strong concern about the issue and said it should never happen again, noting that despite the Board's prior warnings to department officials, no action was taken at the time.

Mr. Ada asked Dr. Okada whether TinyEye is still serving students.

Dr. Okada confirmed TinyEye Services is still serving students, but noted that due to expired federal SPED funds, related obligations that could have been covered by those grants must now be paid using local funds.

Mr. Ada asked how much it was.

Deputy Leon Guerrero replied that it was approximately \$500,000.

Dr. Okada said about \$500,000 in obligations must be paid with local funds because they were not properly charged to grant funds.

Mr. Ada asked where the \$471,000 would come from.

Deputy Leon Guerrero said they are requesting unrestricted prior-year lapsed funds from the legislature and will need to rely on local funds in the meantime.

Mr. Ada asked whether TinyEye would stop services if they were not paid.

Deputy Leon Guerrero said TinyEye has been very patient and continues to provide services, asking only that GDOE get its finances in order.

Mr. Ada confirmed that TinyEye will continue services.

Deputy Leon Guerrero said yes.

Mr. Ada replied that it was good enough for him.

- b. US Department of Education Specific Conditions Report – Dr. Won Pat said GDOE received a response from the U.S. Department of Education regarding its request to discuss high-risk status. A fall on-site review is scheduled to evaluate GDOE's staffing, policies, procedures, and internal controls to ensure compliance in managing federal grant funds.

Dr. Guthertz asked how she would translate that to action.

Dr. Won Pat said GDOE is preparing for a scheduled U.S. Department of Education review of its high-risk status, working with consultant Bruman, who will provide required guidance and documentation in June. She noted plans for

a Zoom meeting and for the consultant to assist during the on-site federal evaluation.

- c. **FY 2025 Audit Update** - Deputy Leon Guerrero reported that the Ernst & Young audit is ongoing and progressing smoothly. He said GDOE is responding promptly to audit inquiries through a portal system, maintaining accountability and timeliness. He added that GDOE is on or ahead of schedule, has dedicated significant resources to the effort, and is urging Ernst & Young to allocate more resources since other government agencies are depending on GDOE's timely completion.
- d. **Management and Curriculum Audit** – Dr. Won Pat stated that GDOE was given the opportunity to submit written responses to the management audit report issued by the Pacific Policy Research Center (PPRC). She noted that the updated final report presented on April 3 included only minor revisions that did not alter its conclusions. Division heads are being given the opportunity to review the report and recommend follow-up actions.

#### 7) Legislative Committee

- a. **Legislative Proposals Introduced** – Dr. Won Pat reported on several bills related to education funding and staffing. Bill 284-38\*, introduced by Senator Barnett, which would amend the budget law for a specific section that restricts lapse funds to sports facilities, has not yet been heard. Bill 309-38, introduced by Senator Borja, would expand the allowable use of lapse funds for capital improvements, typhoon repairs, facility upgrades, utilities, instructional equipment, and other operational needs, effectively removing current spending restrictions. She also noted Bill 285-38, which is unrelated to the Board's core issues and concerns, updating qualifications for the Guam Public Library System Director, likely due to overlap with school librarians applying for that position.

Mr. Ada asked if she had heard any indications that they would be included in the performance-based budget.

Dr. Won Pat said GDOE will not be included in the performance-based budget this year. She noted that the senator plans to start with agencies that have clearer performance metrics, such as the police department, before expanding the approach to others.

- b. **Legal Counsel for the Guam Education Board** - Dr. Guthertz said the Board has been discussing legal representation and previously sent a letter to the AG requesting that an attorney be assigned to represent the Board, but they did not receive a response. She added that the Board also considered hiring an on-call private attorney as needed, but no action has been taken yet, and further discussion is still pending.

Mr. Ada asked if they have to comply with the RFP for an on-call private attorney.

Dr. Guthertz confirmed that they have to do that.

Mrs. Gutierrez said she is concerned about proceeding because the item was not funded or included in the FY27 budget. She urged moving cautiously and preferred that available funds be prioritized for school needs instead.

Dr. Guthertz asked whether it was included in the next budget.

Mrs. Gutierrez replied that it was not included.

Dr. Guthertz said she believed it had been included and asked for confirmation on whether it is in the next budget.

Dr. Won Pat said the law must first be amended because the Board is not currently allowed to hire its own legal counsel. She noted she spoke with her legal team, who are willing to assist, but any requests for legal interpretation or support would need to go through her as superintendent since the attorneys work under her office.

Mrs. Gutierrez said she is comfortable with DOE's legal counsel and trusts their guidance and expertise. However, she noted that hiring a private attorney was not included in the budget and preferred that available funds be directed to schools. She emphasized confidence in Dr. Won Pat and the legal team to ensure accountability and prevent financial losses or lawsuits, referencing past issues in special education. She also expressed support for the current attorneys and their continued role under the superintendent's oversight.

Mr. Ada said DOE legal counsel works for the superintendent and only assists the Board as a courtesy. He warned the Board should not rely on this arrangement, stating legal issues are inevitable and recalling a past situation where he narrowly avoided a lawsuit.

Dr. Guthertz thanked Mrs. Gutierrez for her remarks and expressed support for GDOE attorneys, but noted that conflicts can arise where the Board may need independent legal counsel, especially in disagreements with the department. She proposed drafting a letter to the legislative education committee chair requesting a law amendment that would either authorize the Guam Board of Education to hire a private attorney, appoint a deputy attorney from the AG's office, or require the AG to represent the Board in legal matters. She explained that if private counsel is allowed, the Board would also need a budget for it. The letter would note that the Board had previously requested legal representation from the AG through a letter signed by former chairman Sablan, but received no response. She said this context should be shared with Mr. Borja to show the request is based on the AG's lack of response rather than preference alone. She asked that the letter be sent as soon as possible while the issue remains on the agenda, pending a response from the legislative education committee chair. In the meantime, the Board would continue accepting temporary support but still pursue authorization for independent legal counsel if needed.

Mrs. Gutierrez explained that the Board previously settled the Fernandez case with assistance from Attorney Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson and Attorney Fred

Nishihira. She noted that after that case, the Board did not require additional legal support since there were no further lawsuits.

Dr. Guthertz emphasized that the Board can be sued at any time and therefore must ensure it has proper legal representation that meets court and legal requirements. She warned that mistakes in this area could lead to serious consequences.

Dr. Won Pat said that, if she recalled correctly, the current Office of Public Accountability amended the law during her time in the legislature to require the AG to represent government departments and agencies. As a result, departments were prohibited from hiring their own attorneys because legal representation was supposed to come from the AG's office.

Dr. Guthertz said it does not.

Dr. Won Pat responded that at one time they did, but that is no longer the case, though she said she did not know the reasons for the change.

Dr. Guthertz suggested giving two options in the letter: either require the AG to represent the Board or authorize the Board to hire an on-call attorney when needed for Board matters. She said providing those options would be the best approach.

Dr. Guthertz asked if there was a motion to write the letter.

Dr. Okada said a motion wasn't needed.

Dr. Guthertz said Dr. Won Pat would help draft the letter, after which she would sign it and provide copies to all Board members.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Textbook Audit - Dr. Won Pat said they received a report from the Public Auditor and have reconvened the textbook committee. She added that her deputies are meeting with the committee to review findings and implement corrective actions recommended by the Office of Public Accountability.

Dr. Guthertz asked Dr. Won Pat whether alternatives to traditional textbooks, such as tablets, were being considered.

Dr. Won Pat said they are considering alternatives like e-books and will not be purchasing new textbooks beyond the primary grades for now. She noted that 60,000 laptops have already been distributed and are in use, and e-books have also been purchased. Given the existing surplus and storage of textbooks in schools, she said additional textbook purchases are not justified. The focus will be on providing e-books for primary grades (around grades 1-3) only.

Mrs. Gutierrez said unused textbooks were previously collected and stored in a warehouse (now Guam Trades Academy) for redistribution to schools and the public. She noted that many schools still have large surpluses due to past over-ordering and that

many of those responsible are no longer in office, leaving DOE with excess, outdated textbooks.

2) NASBE 2026 New Member Institute – July 7-8, 2026, Washington, D.C. –

**Mrs. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Mr. Ada, to approve Mr. Carl Torres' attendance in the NASBE 2026 New Member Institute in Washington, D.C., from July 7 to 8. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 5-0. The motion passed.**

Mrs. Gutierrez shared information on NASBE events, noting the July 7–8 New Member Institute in Washington, D.C., where Mr. Carl Torres is the only eligible attendee using NASBE funds. She also mentioned the October annual conference in Baltimore and said she may attend at her own expense. In addition, she referenced NASBE membership for legal counsels and participation in NCOSEA. She requested Board approval for Mr. Torres's attendance, with airfare, hotel, and registration covered by NASBE funds and no stipend or per diem provided.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Dr. Guthertz stated that, according to Dr. Won Pat, there was no need for an executive session that day. She also noted that the superintendent's report had already been distributed electronically and in print, so the recommendation was to forgo the report presentation and instead review the materials independently, with questions directed to Dr. Won Pat before the next meeting.

**VIII. CELEBRATE SUCCESS**

**IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Ada motioned to adjourn the meeting.**

Mr. Sablan clarified that he supports ending double sessions for JFKHS, SSHS, OHS, and FBLGMS this school year and said his earlier concerns were not in opposition to that goal. He emphasized that schools will return to full operations at their respective sites and rejected the term "merger," preferring "co-location," noting the term has caused public confusion. He requested that the superintendent formally report this publicly before adjournment, since the information has mainly appeared in the media and not been clearly presented to the Board.

Dr. Won Pat said weekly meetings are ongoing with principals and deputies for FBLGMS and SSHS. She explained that SSHS will be co-located at THS, which has space to house them, but both schools will operate completely separately with their own schedules, staff, and programs. She emphasized there is no merger—only co-location—with separate facilities, identities, and uniforms, and clarified that any joint activities would be decided by the principals. The PIO has also been instructed to inform the media that it is not a merger.

Mr. Sablan said the arrangement is now very clear and confirmed that SSHS, THS, FBLGMS, and OHS will all operate as separate schools at the start of the new school year.

Dr. Okada left at 6:12 pm.

Mrs. Gutierrez said principals should not be informing the public before Board members and emphasized the need for coordination, noting she had not heard anything about a merger.

Mr. Sablan requested adding to the agenda a waiver of additional school days needed due to Typhoon Sinlaku, noting his support for the waiver but that legislative action is required. He also raised concerns about timing if the legislature is not in session before the school year ends, especially with another potential storm approaching.

Dr. Won Pat replied that she had already sent a letter to the Speaker and the Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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**KATHLEEN LAMORENA**  
Administrative Officer

Date: May 8, 2026

**MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2026 REGULAR MEETING:**

- Approved as submitted
- Approved subject to corrections
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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**JUDITH GUTHERTZ, DPA**  
GEB Chair

Date: 05/20/2026

  
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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Executive Secretary/Acting GDOE Superintendent

Date: 5-20-26

**GUAM EDUCATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-03**



Introduced by:

Guam Education Board Members

**RELATIVE TO STRENGTHENING THE INTEGRATION OF CIVICS EDUCATION AT THE GUAM  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Education Board recognizes that public education plays a vital role in preparing students not only for academic success, but also for responsible participation in civic life; and

**WHEREAS**, civics education provides students with the foundational knowledge and skills necessary to understand their rights and responsibilities as citizens, to respect the rule of law, and to participate constructively in democratic and community process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Education Board acknowledges the importance of instilling the rudiments of good citizenship, including expected standards of behavior in schools and other institutional settings, respect for others, accountability, and civic responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, an up-to-date understanding of Guam laws and public institutions is essential in guiding students toward lawful, ethical, and community-minded conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, fostering a spirit of cooperation, mutual respect, and harmony among the students and people of Guam is essential to the social well-being and sustainability of the island community; and

**WHEREAS**, the traditional cultural values of the people of Guam – rooted in respect, family, community, and shared responsibility – are central to the unique identity of the island and should be reinforced through public education; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing and celebrating exemplary civic behavior among students and employees of the Guam Department of Education can encourage positive role models and strengthen a culture of civic pride throughout Guam.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Guam Education Board hereby urges the Guam Department of Education to consider integrating civics in the Middle School Social Studies standards and curriculum and strengthen the civics course in the High School levels in Guam's public schools; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the civics curriculum shall emphasize:

1. The rudiments of good citizenship and civic responsibility;
2. Expected standards of behavior in school and community settings;
3. An up-to-date review of Guam laws and public institutions that guide and promote good citizenship and responsible behavior;
4. The reinforcement of cooperation, respect, and harmony throughout the island; and
5. The traditional cultural values of the people of Guam as a foundation for civic life; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Guam Education Board urges the Guam Department of Education to recognize and honor the exceptional contributions of GDOE students and employees who promote, demonstrate, and set positive examples of civic pride, responsible citizenship, and community service on Guam; and

**BE IT FINALLY 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 Vincent Anthony V. Borja, Chairman of the 38<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislative Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting, the Honorable Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Magá hágan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May 2026**



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



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**JUDITH GUTHERTZ, DPA**  
Chair, Guam Education Board

<b>Descriptor</b>	<b>Descriptor Code:</b>	<b>Issued Date:</b>
<b>FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>September 13, 2006</b>
	Rescinds:	<b>Issued:</b>
	<b>610, 705, &amp; 705.1</b>	

**BOARD POLICY 705**

The need for schools and communities to recognize the health and educational benefits of healthy eating and proper nutrition are recommended at all participating institutions that serve our island's school children. The establishment of local policies that create supportive, nutritious environments in schools provide students with the skills, opportunities, and encouragement needed to adopt healthy eating patterns. Therefore, as we progress in promoting healthy life-styles to our students and their families, the following policy and guidelines in the area of Nutrition and Food Service Operations shall be in effect:

The Guam Department of Education’s (“GDOE”) Superintendent, as the Chief School State Officer, shall seek to maintain participation in the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (USDA, FNS) Programs in accordance with the *"Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004"* (U.S. P.L. 108 265) for all institutions, public and private, that participate in the Child Nutrition Programs and Food Distribution Programs. These Programs shall be supported by the Food and Nutrition Services Management Division (FNSMD), which serves as the office that ensures all schools and child care centers that participate in the Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) on Guam are compliant with USDA regulations. The FNSMD Administrator shall be held accountable for the effective support of the aforementioned programs. The Programs, as they apply at the school level, shall be held under the direct supervision of the Principal.

GDOE shall ensure the following regulations, as revised from time to time, are adhered and uniformly implemented in accordance with the respective Programs:

- Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-296 (2010)
- National School Lunch Program 7 CFR Chapter II, Part 210
- School Breakfast Program 7 CFR, Chapter II, Part 220
- Summer Food Service Program 7 CFR, Chapter II, Part 225
- Child and Adult Care Food Program 7 CFR, Chapter II, Part 226
- Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School, 81 FR 50132
- Nutrition Education and Training Program 7 CFR, Chapter II, Part 227
- State Administrative Expense Program 7 CFR, Chapter II, Part 235
- Cash in Lieu of Donated Food Program 7 CFR, Chapter II, Part 240
- Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced-Price Meals and Free Milk in Schools 7 CFR, Chapter II, Part 245
- Donation of Foods for use in the U.S., its Territories and Possessions, and areas under its Jurisdiction 7 CFR, Chapter II, Part 250

- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Special Policy Memos as amended and updated

## **GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOLS**

In order to support the school's nutrition and food services' operation as an essential partner in the educational mission of the district and its role in the district's comprehensive wellness program, School Administrators and all school staff, in collaboration with the Food & Nutrition Services Management Division (FNSMD), shall encourage all students to participate in the schools' Child Nutrition Programs Breakfast, Lunch, Childcare, and After School Snacks meals; provide a variety of healthy food choices consistent with the applicable Dietary Guidelines for Americans<sup>1</sup> and Smart Snacks nutritional standards for foods sold in schools<sup>2</sup>; and provide adequate time and comfort to eat meals in a pleasant and safe environment.

Schools shall provide appropriate supervision, enforce safe behavior, avoid overcrowded seating, and schedule recess prior to lunch for elementary students.

Schools shall encourage the integration of food and nutrition into educational activities that reflect cultural traditions, history, and celebrations, and promote healthful, developmentally appropriate, and culturally relevant food-centered learning experiences, including taste testing, school gardens, farm-to-school activities, and kitchen classrooms.

Schools shall encourage students in Pre-K through Grade 12 to establish an instruction garden of sufficient size to provide students with experiences in planting, harvesting, preparation, serving and tasting foods, and utilizing these foods in kitchen classrooms and cafeterias based upon availability and acceptability.

## **GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CAFETERIAS AND NUTRITIONAL CONTENT OF FOODS AND BEVERAGES**

### **GDOE Cafeterias**

Any student may eat in the school cafeteria, dining hall, or other designated meal area on campus.

All foods & beverages prepared and distributed for student consumption as part of the Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) Breakfast, Lunch, Childcare, and After-School Snacks meals shall be prepared by the GDOE food service management company

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<sup>1</sup> USDA SP Memo 02-2026 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025-2030.

<sup>2</sup> Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School, 81 FR 50132

(FSMC) or GDOE-operated cafeteria, and procured from a United States Food and Drug Administration approved source or GDOE approved source<sup>3</sup>.

### **Promotion of Nutrition and Nutritious Environment**

GDOE-operated cafeterias, cafeterias serviced by the Food Service Management Company (FSMC), and all food service staff shall promote good nutrition and healthy eating by serving healthy meals that meet U.S. Dietary Guidelines, Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards, and all meal pattern requirements, to include meal components, quantities, and nutritional standards<sup>4</sup>, for all meals served as part of CNP school meals.

All GDOE schools, School Food Authorities, and the FNSMD shall reinforce the promotion of CNP school meals through nutrition education and activities in classrooms, such as nutrition education curriculum, decorations, special promotions, and quarterly themes. GDOE cafeterias shall promote food centered activities that are healthful, enjoyable, developmentally appropriate, culturally relevant, and participatory such as contests, promotions, taste testing, farm visits, school gardens and kitchen classrooms... i.e. National School Lunch and Breakfast Week, National Nutrition Month, etc.

### **Milk**

To ensure that our students receive a variety of whole, reduced-fat (2%), low-fat (1%), and fat-free fluid milk, lactose-free fluid milk, and non-dairy beverages that are equivalent to fluid milk and meet the USDA nutritional standards for fluid milk substitutes<sup>5</sup>, schools shall include a half pint disposable container of milk with every Child Nutrition Program meal served. White or unflavored, chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla fluid milk must, at a minimum, meet USDA Fluid Milk requirements and be approved by the US Food & Drug Administration Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, be pasteurized, and must contain Vitamins A & D at levels specified by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration<sup>6</sup>.

### **Access to Safe Drinking Water**

Students and staff will have access to safe, fresh drinking water throughout the school day. Schools must make drinking water available and accessible, without restriction, to students at no charge in the place(s) where program meals are served<sup>7</sup>.

Plain bottled water and 100% juice may be sold at any time.

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<sup>3</sup> USDA Memo SP 23-2024 Buy American Provisions Related to the Final Rule Titled *Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans*.

<sup>4</sup> 7 CFR 210.10 (NSLP meal requirements), 220.8 (SBP meal requirements), and 226.20 (CACFP meal requirements).

<sup>5</sup> USDA SP Memo 01-2026 Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2025 – Implementation Requirements for the National School Lunch Program.

<sup>6</sup> 7 CFR 210.10(d): Fluid Milk Requirements.

<sup>7</sup> 7 CFR 210.10(a)(1)(i) Water; 7 CFR 220.8(a)(1) General nutrition requirements.

## **Family and Community Involvement**

To promote family and community engagement in school nutrition, physical education, physical fitness, and growth screening, the School Administrator shall ensure that opportunities for nutrition and physical fitness education, school menus, and other wellness resources are made available to parents and the community, and that foods served at school provide sufficient nutrition information to support informed choices.

Parents are encouraged to support their child's participation in the Department's Child Nutrition Programs or, if meals are provided from home, to offer foods and beverages that align with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans or Smart Snacks standards.

Schools shall encourage family participation in nutrition-, physical activity-, and growth-related learning opportunities, including student exhibits and take-home activities that reinforce wellness education.

## **Staff Development and Training**

Staff development and training opportunities in the area of nutrition, nutrition education, and food safety shall be provided by the FNSMD annually and upon request to all food and nutrition services staff and applicable district personnel.

## **Compliance with Federal Regulations**

GDOE shall ensure full compliance with all federal regulations governing all Child Nutrition Program Meals, including, but not limited to, all provisions listed above. In accordance with 7 CFR 210 Subpart F and related federal regulations, failure to comply with program requirements may result in withholding of federal reimbursement payments, suspension or termination of participation in federal Child Nutrition Programs, penalties, and/or further legal or administrative actions as permitted under federal law <sup>8</sup>.

USDA nutrition standards apply to all foods and beverages available to students on the school campus during the school day. However, in recognition of the tradition of school fundraisers, the HHFKA provides flexibility for special exemptions for the purpose of conducting infrequent school fundraisers in which foods and beverages that do not meet the nutrition standards for Smart Snacks may be sold. Section 210.11(b)(4) of the interim final rule specifies that such specially exempted fundraisers must not take place more often than the frequency specified by the State Agency. The law requires that the State Agency must set an upper limit on the number of fundraisers that would be allowed. The State Agency may not delegate the authority to specify exempt fundraiser frequency to the local educational agency (LEA), or to school food authorities (SFA). This approach supports the intent of the HHFKA and the Smart

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<sup>8</sup> CFR 210 Subpart F – Additional Provisions.

Snacks nutrition standards to ensure the development of a healthier school environment<sup>9</sup>.

The State Agency has the discretion and flexibility to establish procedures by which schools may request for review and approval of all foods and beverages sold or offered to students on the school campus during the school day. (*See GDOE SOP #1700-019*).

The FNSMD shall work with School Administrators to promptly identify and address any deficiencies and required corrective actions. GDOE recognizes that ongoing compliance is essential to ensure program participation, funding, and support for student health and wellness.

### **Superintendent Authority Over Operational Procedures for School Wellness**

The Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the FNSMD Administrator, shall have the authority to review, approve, and implement all procedures related to local school wellness operations. This authority shall include, but is not limited to, the sale, provision, and distribution of foods and beverages on school premises during the school day<sup>10</sup>, procedures governing procurement, food availability and marketing, vending operations, non-student meals and beverages, and fundraising activities involving foods and beverages to ensure compliance with all local and federal regulations and nutritional standards<sup>11</sup>. All School Administrators shall adhere to the operating procedures approved by the Superintendent, and no operational changes in these areas shall be enacted.

### **Local School Wellness Advisory Council**

A Local School Wellness Advisory Council, appointed by the Superintendent of Education, shall be responsible for advising and making recommendations to the Superintendent on nutrition, nutrition education, physical fitness, physical education, and Growth Screening recommendations and requirements. The Council shall consist of parents, students, school administrators, teachers, and industry professionals. The Advisory Council shall be chaired by the Food and Nutrition Services Management Division (FNSMD) Administrator.

The FNSMD Administrator shall annually review the Local School Wellness Policy to determine necessary updates to ensure continued compliance with applicable local and federal requirements. The FNSMD Administrator shall work with the Advisory Council to conduct an assessment of policy implementation every three years using an evidence-based wellness policy assessment tool. This triennial progress report shall inform updates to the Local School Wellness Policy and will be shared with the school community.

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<sup>9</sup> USDA SP Memo 36-2014 - Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards and Exempt Fundraisers

<sup>10</sup> 7 CFR 210.11(a)(5) Competitive food service and standards.

<sup>11</sup> 7 CFR 210.11(b) General requirements for competitive food; USDA-FNS 81 FR 50132.

All schools shall promote this policy and all other related procedures to faculty, staff, parents, and students. Copies shall be posted on the Department's website.

**ADOPTED:** Board of Education 04/23/83

**AMENDED:** 01/06/95; 08/10/05, 09/13/06, 9/24/15, 02/24/16, 05/19/2026

## **\$26M SPEND PLAN TO SUPPORT THESE PROJECTS**

<b><u>PROJECTS</u></b>	<b><u>ESTIMATED COST</u></b>
<b>1. FBLG</b>	<b>\$ 10.9M</b>
<b>2. GDOE UTILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 10.7M</b>
<b>3. ELEVATORS</b>	<b>\$ 2.5M</b>
<b>4. SPED BUSES</b>	<b>\$ 300,000.</b>
<b>5. TINY EYE</b>	<b>\$ 500,000.</b>
<b>6. PRIMERO EDGE CYBERSOFT</b>	<b>\$ 27,000.</b>
<b>7. PETROLEUM GAS</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.</b>
<b>8. SERVE SAFE</b>	<b>\$ 900.</b>
<b>9. SECURITY (SOLAR LIGHTS/CAMERAS)</b>	<b>\$ 7.5M</b>
<b>10. ALL SCHOOLS CAFETERIA EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 4.2M</b>
<b>11. E-BOOKS (K-3 Teacher Resources, High Quality Instructional Materials)</b>	<b>\$ 1.7M</b>
<b>12. SPORTS/GYM/ FIELD LIGHTS</b>	<b>\$ 1.9M</b>

<b>PROPOSED GDOE SPEND PLAN (\$51M)</b>			
<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimated Project Costs</b>	<b>Running Balance</b>
REVENUE	ARP Payroll Reimbursement (expected, pending approval)	-	\$51,000,000.00
1	Cooking Equipment Maintenance & Repair GDOE Cafeterias	250,000.00	\$50,750,000.00
2	Workers Compensation, GGRF Reconciliation	1,000,000.00	\$49,750,000.00
3	Districtwide Elevator Maintenance & Repair	2,500,000.00	\$47,250,000.00
4	Restroom Refurbishment (All Schools excl. Core Tech Contract)	7,500,000.00	\$39,750,000.00
5	Districtwide Security Infrastructure (Cameras, Perimeter, Solar Lights)	7,500,000.00	\$32,250,000.00
6	Okkodo Field Lights	600,000.00	\$31,650,000.00
7	Playground Repair/Replacement	175,000.00	\$31,475,000.00
8	Field/Gym Bleachers	625,000.00	\$30,850,000.00
9	Districtwide Security Infrastructure (Cameras, Perimeter, etc.)	5,000,000.00	\$25,850,000.00
10	Band Equipment (7 Schools)	1,500,000.00	\$24,350,000.00
11	Emotional Intelligence Curriculum	1,000,000.00	\$23,350,000.00
12	Social Studies and Science Textbooks (SS-UOG/Grade 3-5 Science)	1,700,000.00	\$21,650,000.00
13	Awarded FEMA Mawar Projects (additional projects pending)	-	\$21,650,000.00
14	HVAC Install	5,000,000.00	\$16,650,000.00
15	200 9,000 BTU A/C Units-District Restrooms	160,000.00	\$16,490,000.00
16	Cognia Accreditation (Visits)	24,000.00	\$16,466,000.00
17	Cognia (SY 26-27) Membership Fees	56,000.00	\$16,410,000.00
18	SigNetwork Payment (3 Year Subscription)	12,000.00	\$16,398,000.00
19	Tiny Eye (SY 23-24)	91,000.00	\$16,307,000.00
<b>The remaining amount is for contingency that will support other priorities</b>			