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Mr. Jon J.P. Fernandez
Superintendent of Education
Guam Department of Education
500 Mariner Avenue
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Dear Superintendent Fernandez:

Buenas yan Hafa Adai! The purpose of this letter is to give your agency advance notice of our decision to request the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication, *I Mina'trentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* to reapproriate the funding allocation for Grass Maintenance for Schools from our Mayors' Council of Guam FY19 Budget to the Guam Department of Education.

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Although we included a status quo request of $481,957 in our FY19 Budget for the Grass Maintenance for Schools, we did ask that during their deliberations in finalizing the FY19 Government of Guam Budget that this amount be given back to your agency. We will be assuming the oversight and responsibility of three (3) federally funded programs from the Department of Public health and Social Services effective April 1, 2018. This additional responsibility that would be added to the duties of our two (2) Clerk-Typists II, which makes up the total staffing providing accounting and procurement services to all our villages in our other programs, in addition to their clerical duties would be an added workload not commensurate with their current position title or pay. However, due to the emergency situation at hand are in providing services to our senior citizens, we have agreed to assume responsibility for the three programs identified below. This additional task along with providing accounting and procurement services for the Grass Maintenance for Schools as well as the mandated programs we have, will, in our opinion, require additional staff or a reclassification of the position titles of our two incumbent Clerk-Typist II's.

We feel that since your agency has a division solely mandated to provide accounting and procurement services for your operations, that that division can adequately maintain the Grass Maintenance for Schools appropriation. If not for the additional responsibilities of assuming operational control of the Adult Day Care Services, the Case Management Services, and the In-Home Services Program, we would have not come to this decision on the Grass Maintenance for Schools.

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If the Department of Public Health and Social Services is able to find another vendor to operate these programs for FY 2019, then our request may be moot. In the meantime, dependent on the decision of *I Mina'trentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* this may become reality commencing October 1, 2018.

Your understanding of our situation is greatly appreciated.

Sinseramente,

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Executive Director

cc. Senator Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Speaker, 34th Guam Legislature
Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman, Guam Education Board
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