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Honorable Benjamin J. F. Cruz
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Re: GEB Resolution 2018-09 – Resolution to Approve the Proposed Reassignment of Elementary School Attendance Areas for School Year 2018-2019, Approve the Reassignment of High School Attendance Areas to take effect School Year 2020-2021, Require a Feasibility Assessment and Implementation Plan for a Central Middle School, and Require the Development of a Board Policy for the Regular Review of Attendance Areas Every Five Years

Dear Governor Calvo, Speaker Cruz and Senator San Agustin:

Håfa Adai! I am transmitting GEB Resolution 2018-09, approved May 22, 2018. The resolution details the GEB's decision regarding the reassignment of attendance areas. Please feel free to disseminate copies of the resolution to your constituents or stakeholders.

Senseramente,

JON J. P. FERNANDEZ

Attachment 1918

cc: Director, Department of Public Works
Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon Municipal Planning Council
All Mayors and the Mayor's Council of Guam
Parent-Teacher-Student Organizations, DOE
All Divisions and Schools

GUAM EDUCATION BOARD
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-09

Introduced by: Guam Education Board Members

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED REASSIGNMENT OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019, APPROVE THE REASSIGNMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS TO TAKE EFFECT SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021, REQUIRE A FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR A CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BOARD POLICY FOR THE REGULAR REVIEW OF ATTENDANCE AREAS EVERY FIVE YEARS

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2017, the Superintendent of Education appointed a Reassignment of Attendance Areas committee ("Committee") comprised of school administrators and staff to review attendance areas across the school district and to make recommendations to the Guam Department of Education ("GDOE") Superintendent and to the Guam Education Board ("GEB") for consideration and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Committee met numerous times over a period of five (5) months to review current attendance area boundaries, enrollment statistics, and input from school administrators; and

WHEREAS, the Committee was instructed by the Superintendent to prioritize two primary goals of (1) ensuring that students were able to attend the school closest in proximity to their residence and (2) as much as possible, allowing all students in an elementary school to promote to the same middle school and then to the same high school to assist school administrators in aligning instruction and support for students and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, intends for the revision of attendance areas to assist the Department of Public Works ("DPW") bus operations in operating more efficient routes that will lead to later school start times in the interest of increased student safety and better academic performance; and

WHEREAS, the Committee developed and refined its proposal in consultation with key partners, including DPW bus operations, mayors of the villages that would be impacted (Asan, Barrigada, Dededo, Hagatna, Mangilao, Piti, Yigo, Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon, Ordot-Chalan Pago), all school administrators, the Superintendent and the GEB; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the Committee's work, the Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon Municipal Planning Council transmitted a copy of a resolution, which it approved unanimously on March 9, 2018, to support the conversion of Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary School to a middle school; and

WHEREAS, the Committee conducted eight evening village meetings, each of them broadcasted live and also recorded on GDOE's Facebook page, at schools in areas affected by proposed changes, including (1) Agueda Johnston Middle School on April 18, 2018, (2) Vicente Benavente Middle School on April 23, 2018, (3) Finegayan Elementary School on April 25, 2018, (4) Daniel L. Perez Elementary School on April 26, 2018, (5) John F. Kennedy High School on April 27, 2018, (6) Okkodo High School on April 30, 2018, (7) Maria Ulloa

Elementary School on May 1, 2018, and (8) George Washington High School on May 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, at each village meeting, heard from teachers, parents and students and committed to the attendees that their input would be factored into any final recommendations presented to the Superintendent and to the GEB; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, in finalizing its proposal, took into consideration the specific input of DPW bus operations, mayors, teachers, parents and students, and held work sessions with the GEB on Friday, May 11, 2018, and Monday, May 21, 2018, to brief the board members and provide them an opportunity to consider the proposal as well as options for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Committee presented its final recommendations to the Superintendent, and the Superintendent presented the Committee's recommendations to the GEB on May 22, 2018, for its consideration and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Committee specifically recommends that the GEB approve the proposed reassignment of elementary school attendance areas to be effective School Year 2018-2019; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, in line with the request of the Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon Municipal Planning Council, recommends that approval of proposed middle school attendance area changes be postponed at least until School Year 2019-2020 until work is done to determine the feasibility of a central middle school; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends that the GEB approve the proposed reassignment of high school attendance areas to be effective School Year 2020-2021 in order to allow students an opportunity to complete their participation in special programs and an opportunity for families to adjust to the proposed changes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GEB hereby thanks the Committee and the Superintendent for the deliberate, thorough, and transparent manner in which they conducted the review of attendance areas, especially the manner in which they engaged key partners and community stakeholders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GEB approves the proposed changes to the elementary school attendance areas to be effective for School Year 2018-2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GEB will postpone revisions to the middle school attendance areas until at least School Year 2019-2020 and, furthermore, directs the Superintendent to immediately commence a feasibility study regarding a central middle school in the Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon area, including an assessment of elementary school enrollment capacity in the same area, and to provide his findings and recommendations to the GEB no later than September 30, 2018, for consideration and approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GEB hereby approves the proposed changes to the high school attendance areas to be effective for School Year 2020-2021, and directs the Superintendent to develop a transition plan to take into account, at a minimum, the community's request to grant out-of-district consideration for students who may be enrolled in special programs not offered at the school to which they would be transferring (as well as those who would like to transfer earlier than the effective date), to address school uniform needs, to ensure an adequate public information campaign over the next two years to assist families in planning for the changes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GEB commits to establishing, in GEB policy, a regular schedule for the review of attendance areas to occur every five years in order to ensure

that GDOE is proactive in forecasting the impacts and changes needed in school attendance areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, *I Mina' Trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, and Chairman of the 34th Guam Legislative Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication, the Honorable Joe S. San Agustin, Chairman of the 34th Guam Legislative Committee on Education, Finance and Taxation, the Honorable Governor Edward Baza Calvo, *I Magá låhen Guåhan,* the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon Municipal Planning Council, Mayor's Council of Guam, all mayors, all parent-teacher-student organizations throughout the school district, and all schools and divisions.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF MAY, 2018.

MARK B. MENDIOLA
Chairman, Guam Education Board

JON J.P. FERNANDEZ
Executive Secretary