Guam Department of Education

Citizen’s Centric Report

AUG-SEPT 2012

Guam Department of Education Goals

Goal # 1  All students will graduate from high school prepared to pursue post-secondary education on or off-island or to assume gainful employment with the private or public sector.

Goal # 2  All students will successfully progress from grade to grade and from one level of schooling to another in order to maximize opportunities to successfully graduate from high school.

Goal # 3  All Guam Department of Education personnel will meet high standards for qualifications and on-going professional development and will be held accountable for all assigned responsibilities.

Goal # 4  All Guam Department of Education’s school facilities will meet high standards for health and safety and provide optimal conditions for learning objectives.

Goal # 5  All Guam Department of Education’s operations will maximize the critical uses of limited resources and meet high standards of accountability.

By the Numbers

SY 2011-2012
(as of September 30, 2011)

Enrollment
*Students are counted in their respective school population.
Elementary  14,347
Middle 7,252
High 9,762
Alternative 102*
Total 31,361

School Sites
Elementary  26
Middle 8
High 5
Alternative 1
Total 40

Personnel By Funding
(as of October 8, 2011)

Local  2,391
Federal  832
Local/ Federal 618
Total 3,841

About Us

GDOE is a single unified school district consisting of grades Kindergarten through 12. Our 26 Elementary Schools, 8 Middle Schools, 5 High Schools, and an alternative school serve over 31,000 students, and is managed by the 11–member Guam Education Board (GEB). Despite the operational and financial challenges the Department has faced in recent years, the teachers, administrators, and support staff continue to remain focused on our mission to “Prepare all students for life, Promote Excellence, and Provide Support!”

School Performance Report Card

Pursuant to Public Law 26-26, the purpose of the school report card is to monitor trends among schools and its progress toward achieving the goals in the mission statement. The school report card contains information on demographics, student achievement, special program offerings, faculty, budget, and exemplary programs. School report cards can be viewed at www.gdoe.net.

Graduation / Dropout Info

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<td>SY 09-10</td>
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<td>SY 09-10</td>
<td>Rate (%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>G. Washington</td>
<td>472</td>
<td>424</td>
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<td>J.F. Kennedy</td>
<td>419</td>
<td>333</td>
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<td>Okkodo</td>
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<td>273</td>
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<td>S. Sanchez</td>
<td>374</td>
<td>315</td>
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<td>Southern</td>
<td>299</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>1,838</td>
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Accreditation News

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) visited the following schools in SY 11-12:

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<td>Jose LG Rios Middle</td>
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<td>Okkodo High</td>
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<td>P.C. Lujan Elementary</td>
<td>Initial accreditation</td>
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<td>Tamuning Elementary</td>
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The SAT10 performance standards are content-referenced scores that reflect what students know and should be able to do in given subject areas. As a norm-referenced test, student scores are compared to the performance of a norm group, comprised of a national sample. SAT 10 performance standard levels are: **Below Basic** indicates little or no mastery of fundamental knowledge and skills; **Basic** indicates partial mastery of the knowledge and skills that are fundamental for satisfactory work; **Proficient** represents solid academic performance, indicating students are prepared for the next grade; and **Advanced** signifies superior performance, beyond grade-level mastery. In SY 10-11, 26,527 GDOE students participated in the SAT10.

The following schools showed noteworthy improvement because they equaled or exceeded the national rate of improvement from one grade level to the next in one content area or another: **ELEMENTARY**: Astumbo, DL Perez, Finegayan, HB Price, Ligan, Marcial Sablan, MA Ulloa, Merizo, PC Lujan, Talofofo 4th Grade Reading: 25 schools exceeded the national rate of improvement with HB Price and Astumbo improving the most.

**MIDDLE**: In Math, the national growth rate was 9 points, while GDOE’s growth rate was 18 points. Astumbo and Unalutan equaled the national growth rate of 10 points in language arts. **HIGH**: John F. Kennedy, George Washington, Okkodo, Simon Sanchez, and Southern surpass the national rate of improvement, with JFK and Southern showing most improvement in grade 11 reading and math.

### TABLE: Number of Children Served by Disability Category

The table below describes the number of children served, ages 3 through 21, to include the number of children with disabilities enrolled in the public schools and the number and percent in each disability category.

### GDOE Child Nutrition Program

In the Table below, the number of meals served under GDOE’s Child Nutrition Program (School Lunch Program) for SY 10-11 and SY 11-12.

### Department of Education Extended Day (DEED) Program

SAT 10 Distribution of DEED enrolled students and GDOE students (Grades 1 through 5) in the proficient and advanced levels depicted below for SY 09-10 and SY 10-11. Retrieved from Ready Results NCS Pearson, Inc. [http://education.pearsonassessments.com/pai/ordering/ReadyResults.htm].

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Revenue Breakdown FY 2011

- Federal Grants and Assistance: $136,147,757 (41%)
- Cafeteria Sales: $793,281 (0%)
- Fees and other program receipts: $154,832 (0%)

Expenditure Breakdown FY 2011

- Benefits: $8,685,152 (3%)
- Cap Asset Acquisition: $-0%
- Lease Payment: $7,100,000 (3%)
- Local Appropriations: $196,139,116 (59%)
- Federal Grants and Assistance: $86,767,512 (32%)
- Cafeteria Sales: $948,113 (0%)
- Fees and other program receipts: $-0%

*Numbers may not exactly match the chart above due to rounding

- 3% of expenditures were for the Lease payment for Adacao Elementary, Liguan Elementary, Astumbo Middle, and Okkodo High School.
- 3% or $8,685,152 was expended on retiree healthcare Benefits.
- The primary component of GDOE’s expenditures are from salaries and benefits. Salaries represented $148,090,145, while $56,727,750 went to benefits, for a total of $204,817,895 or 60.2% in FY 11.
- Utilities (power, water, telephone) expenses make up 4.3% or $14,590,968 of expenditures.

In FY 11, the following amounts were expended by GDOE through a variety of federal programs:

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<td>U.S. Department of Agriculture</td>
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<td>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</td>
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<td>U.S. Department of Interior</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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- Since 2003 GDOE has been designated as a “High-Risk” grantee. GDOE continues to make progress towards removing this designation by implementing improvements discussed in the Corrective Action Plan. The Single Audit Report and CAP are available on GDOE website: www.gdoe.net

Financial Updates: FY 12 appropriations totaled $215,998,071. Executive Order 2011-014, froze all increments effective October 10, 2011. Additionally, in a September 28, 2011 BBMR Circular 12-01 agencies were notified that a 15% reserve would be placed on allotments or approximately $30 million for GDOE appropriations. Subsequently, BBMR indicated they would be releasing $20 million of the reserves. The FY 13 Budget Act was signed into Public Law 31-233 on September 7th, appropriating $214 million to GDOE. In a September 18, 2012 BBMR Circular 13-01 agencies were notified a 15% Reserve would be placed on allotments or $30,234,908 for GDOE FY 13 appropriations.

Tydings Waiver: The request for Tydings Waiver for the FY09 Consolidated Grant and the Rural Low Income School (RLIS) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was approved extending the obligation deadlines from September 30, 2011 to September 30, 2012. An estimated $9.15 million funding were affected.

Independent Audit: The independent audit was performed by Deloitte & Touche. The independent audit received an unqualified “clean” opinion. With the exception of two major federal programs, GDOE’s single audit also received an unqualified opinion.

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UPDATES

Guam Department of Education Management Team:
In July 2011, Superintendent Nerissa Underwood and Deputy Superintendent Arlene Unpingco retired. Superintendent Jon Fernandez took the helm in July 2012, while Finance & Administrative Services Deputy Superintendent Taling Taitano was Interim Superintendent from July 2011 thru June 2012. Also of note, six members of the Guam Education Board are up for re-election; all six seats will be placed on the 2012 General Election ballot.

Project Malak:
GDOE purchased Tyler Munis as its Financial Management Information System in August 2011. The financial modules went live in April 2012 and Payroll and Human Resources modules went live in July 2012. Along with the new system, come desk top procedures and updated standard operating procedures. Included in the FMIS are Vendor Self-Serve and Employee Self-Serve, which allow vendors and employees to interact directly with the FMIS to research balances and payments. Additionally, administrative computers across the district were upgraded to support the new system.

Southern High to Use 4x4 Block Schedule:
Southern High School will be implementing the John Hopkins Pilot Program, as well as, a 4x4 block schedule for classes (eight quarters per school year, as opposed to four quarters per school year) in SY 2012-2013. SHS students will take (4) subjects per day, 85 minutes per subject, or 340 minutes per day and still meet the 180 instructional days per GEB policy.

FY 13 Local Funding Reserve and FY 13 Federal Funding Subject to Sequestration:
Table to the left shows GDOE’s FY 13 subject to a 15% reserve or $30,234,908 on allotments, while anticipated FY 13 federal funding (table to the right) will be subject to automatic spending cuts (sequestration) under the federal Budget Control Act passed in August 2011. For GDOE’s Head Start program, the 8.2% cut represents $210,154, affecting 80 to 100 students and impacting a majority of the program’s limited part-time staffing levels. The federal sequestration is set to occur on January 2, 2013.

School Renovations and Expansions:

Charter School SY2012-2013 Opening in October 2012:
Included in GDOE’s FY13 Budget is funding for Guam’s first charter school, the Guahan Academy Charter School. PL 31-233 appropriates $5,500 per GACS student enrolled, from GDOE’s FY 13 operating budget. According to GACS school officials, the charter school year is scheduled to begin October 2012 and they anticipate an estimated student enrollment of 200.

Curriculum and Assessment Standards:
In February 2012, the GEB voted to adopt the Common core State Standards (CCSS) initiated by the National Governor’s Association and the Chief Council for State School Officers. The CCSS for English/Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical subjects and the Standards for Mathematical Practice are the culmination of a broad-based effort to fulfill the charge issued by the states to create the next generation of K-12 standards in order to help ensure all students are college and career ready by the time they exit high school. The first phase of the criterion-referenced development has been completed. Administration of these assessments will be conducted in Spring 2013 to students in grades 3rd thru 8th and 10 Grade for English/Language Arts, 3rd thru 8th and 10th grade for Math, and 5th, 8th and 10th Grade for Science. Phase II, which encompasses the remaining grades in English/Language Arts, Math, and Science, and all grades in Social Studies, will be developed in SY11-12. In addition to the development of the Criterion Referenced Tests, the Curriculum Alignment project will align five curriculum documents currently used by our district to guide instruction. These documents include the Content Standards and Performance Indicators, the Criterion Referenced Tests, the adopted textbook, the SAT10 instructional objectives and the Common Core State Standards. Lastly, the Curriculum Guides project will take the work of the Curriculum Alignment and provide teachers with sample lesson plans for every major standard and performance indicator and provide them with references to supplemental resources and instructional strategies.

Did you find this report informative? Is there other information you would like to see?
We appreciate your feedback. GDOE Management can be contacted at:
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References:

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