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December 28, 2023 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Liguan Elementary School No Longer in Cohort Schedule

Tiyan, Guam – The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) has issued an update regarding the Liguan Elementary School. Starting from next week, the school will no longer operate on the Cohort Schedule. The classes will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

All students from kindergarten to fifth grade will attend school five days a week, from Monday through Friday, following their regular master schedule.

- Car Riders: Drop off before 8:30 a.m. at the drop-off area in the back near the cafeteria,
- Walkers: the gate will be open by 7:00 a.m.
- Bus Riders: Bus will pick up at their designated time and area.

Liguan Elementary School (LES) has implemented a cohort schedule for the 2023-2024 academic year due to Typhoon Mawar and the health and safety concerns of students and staff. Under this schedule, students were divided into groups that alternated between attending school in person and engaging in online and hardcopy learning. The cohort schedule has been in effect since the start of the school year on August 23, 2023. The school made this decision to balance compliance issues and instructional needs.

Superintendent Kenneth Swanson announces that the district's objective is to ensure that every student can access in-person learning at their school site. He explains that this is important for the academic and social development of the students, as well as for the well-being of the families and staff. He acknowledges that there may be challenges and concerns, but he assures that the district will follow the health and safety guidelines and provide support and flexibility as needed.

Principal Johansen Punongbayan said, *“We are excited to have our students return and to utilize our C-wing building. I am grateful for everyone’s patience and ongoing support from teachers, staff, the GDOE central office, and the community for ensuring that we provide a good and safe environment for our students.”*

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