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### **GDOE Grades PK-12 Meets the ACS WASC Criteria for Accreditation**

**Tiyan, Guam** – The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) received the Certificate of Accreditation from the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC) has officially recognized the Guam Department of Education grades PK-12 as meeting the established criteria for accreditation. This significant achievement reflects the department's commitment to maintaining high standards of education and continuous improvement.

Achieving a six-year accreditation status is indeed a hallmark of excellence for an educational institution. It signifies a dedication to quality and a promise of ongoing enhancement. The upcoming mid-cycle report in the 2026-2027 academic year will serve as a critical juncture to evaluate advancements and confirm adherence to the institution's objectives. This interval is crucial for enacting innovative strategies, gauging their effectiveness, and refining methods to align with the dynamic requirements of learners and the broader educational sphere. Fundamentally, this accreditation underlines the institution's strategic foresight in educational progression and sustained growth. This document serves as a testament to the school's commitment to educational excellence, reflecting on the milestones achieved and paving the way for future advancements. By effectively communicating these developments, the report can provide valuable insights into the school's journey towards enhancing the educational experience for all students.

Superintendent Dr. Erik Swanson said, *“The dedication of individual schools to uphold a high standard of education is truly commendable. It's a testament to the unwavering commitment of educators and administrators who work tirelessly to ensure that students receive the quality education they deserve. By providing essential information and resources, these schools are not just nurturing minds but are also fortifying the future of the community. Their hard work and leadership set a shining example and play a crucial role in shaping the leaders of tomorrow. It's an inspiring endeavor that positively impacts every student and contributes to the educational excellence of the island.”* The accreditation process is rigorous and requires continuous self-evaluation, consistent reporting, and periodic comprehensive reviews. Dr. Swanson added, *“By meeting these standards, GDOE has shown a dedication to continuous improvement and quality education.”* It's important for GDOE to continue adhering to the ACS WASC policies and procedures to maintain this accreditation status, which is valid through June 30, 2030, with a mid-cycle report due in the 2026-2027 academic year.

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GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
GRADES PK-12

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## CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

*this School is accredited through*  
JUNE 30, 2030

*Dee J. Douglas*  
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Commission Chair



*Dr. Robert S. Jones*  
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