

**GUAM EDUCATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-01**



Introduced by:

Guam Education Board Members

**RELATIVE TO ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET REQUEST  
FOR THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3121 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, the Guam Education Board (GEB) is responsible for approving an annual budget by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 12, 2024, the Superintendent issued the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget Call to school administrators and division heads, requesting budget submissions that would meet the goals of the 'Every Child is Entitled to an Adequate Public Education Act', be student-centered, and based on achieving the goals established by the GDOE State Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with 11 GCA §52101(a), public hearings were held from November 25 – December 6, 2024, to afford stakeholders the opportunity to participate in the FY2026 budget process, wherein public comment, priorities, and requests were solicited and received from students, parents, staff, the community and general public at large during the hearings and through electronic on- line and hard copy surveys; and

**WHEREAS**, school administrators and division heads submitted and presented their FY2026 Budget requests to the Superintendent and GDOE Management Team on December 16 to December 23 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the GDOE Management certifies that the presented FY 2026 budget reflects the staffing requirements requested from school administrators that would meet the goals of the "Every Child is Entitled to an Adequate Public Education Act"; and

**WHEREAS**, the GEB has determined an aggregate of Three Hundred Six Million Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Dollars (**\$306,345,817**) for FY2026 operations, in addition to the support leveraged with federal funds, is adequate to meet the goals of the 'Every Child is Entitled to an Adequate Public Education Act,' which falls within the statutory responsibility of the Guam Department of Education; and the GEB affirms this aggregate represents a complete, comprehensive assessment and good faith effort by the GEB to ensure sufficient funding is requested to advance and fulfill the department's core mission, mandates, and financial obligations; and

**GUAM EDUCATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01**

**WHEREAS**, the GEB has determined the **\$306,345,817** request for FY2026 reflects an accurate accounting of the costs for existing personnel, needed vacant positions associated with public mandates, Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), and GEB policies; the cost for essential contracts, supplies and equipment needed to effectively operate 40 schools and the central office; utility expenses based on historical consumption and projected rate changes; and, in summary, a “true cost” of operating the school system based on current services.

**WHEREAS**, based on the preliminary findings and difficulty in recruiting qualified applicants and, at the request from the Office of Public Accountability, with the direction of the GEB Budget and Finance Committee, the GEB is prepared to review the compensation of GDOE’s Accounting and Auditing employees and to develop a proposal for adjusting compensation that can be submitted to the Guam Legislature and considered as part of the FY 2026 budget process;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Guam Education Board does hereby adopt and transmit the GDOE FY2026 Annual Budget Request in the amount of **\$306,345,817** for review by / *Mina’ Trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 3121 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, the Guam Education Board does hereby approve the FY2026 budget in order to meet the mandates set forth in the 14 Points outlined below:

	<b>MANDATE</b>
1	A certified teacher for every class in a ratio established by relevant collective bargaining agreements
2	Certified Professional Administrators
3	Certified Guidance Counselors
4	Certified School Health Counselors
5	Certified Allied Health Professionals
6	Air-conditioned or properly ventilated classrooms in which the sensible air temperature is no greater than 78° F
7	Potable water sufficient to provide each student a daily ration of drinking and washing water
8	A reliable supply of electricity
9	Proper sanitation to include flushable toilets, clean restrooms, clean dining areas, and classrooms
10	Adopted and required textbooks and workbooks issued to each public school student for the classes in which he/she is enrolled
11	Libraries, which meet the standards of the American Association of School Librarians, at each school, operated by certified librarians
12	A healthy, safe, sanitary learning environment
13	At least one hundred eighty (180) instructional days each school year with school years ending no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the calendared school year; and
14	Regular; timely school bus transportation to and from the school

**GUAM EDUCATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the GEB mandates that all lapsed funds realized in its FY 2026 appropriation be specifically restricted for Capital Improvement Projects at the GDOE schools, prioritizing the campus security systems for all schools; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the GEB appeals to the Guam Legislature to appropriate, at a minimum, an amount necessary and sufficient to meet USDOE's MOE requirement in order to maintain access to the federal funds and avoid returning the funds to the US government; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the GEB commits to developing and submitting a proposal for the adjustment of GDOE employee compensation within the next several weeks and prior to the Guam Legislature's consideration and approval of the FY 2026 budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Speaker Frank Blas Jr., *I Mina' Trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, the Honorable Christopher M. Dueñas, Chairman of the Thirty-Eighth Guam Legislative Committee on Appropriations, the Honorable Vincent A.V. Borja, Chairman of the Thirty-Eighth Guam Legislative Committee on Education, the Honorable Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, *I Magá hága Guåhan* and all schools.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2025**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**MARY A.Y. OKADA, Ed.D., Chair**  
**Guam Education Board**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**KENNETH ERIK SWANSON, Ph.D.**  
**Executive Secretary**