

1                                   **GUAM EDUCATION BOARD**  
2                                   **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-02**  
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8       **Introduced by:**

**Guam Education Board Members**

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10                                   **RELATIVE TO REQUESTING TO WAIVE 180 INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS**  
11                                   **REQUIREMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025**  
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13                   **WHEREAS**, The Guam Education Board, during a regular meeting on January 29, 2024,  
14 approved the School Year (SY) 2024-2025 calendar in compliance with Public Law 28-45 (*The*  
15 *Every Child is Entitled to an Adequate Public Education Act*) and Board Policy 321;

16                   **WHEREAS**, The Guam Education Board (GEB) is committed to providing high-quality  
17 education and ensuring the well-being of all students and staff;

18                   **WHEREAS**, with the passage of Public Law 37-31 effective August 5, 2023, Guam  
19 Department of Education (GDOE) public schools must come into full compliance by the start of  
20 School Year (SY) 2024-2025 with valid Department of Public Health and Social Services  
21 (DPHSS) Division of Environmental Health (DEH) Sanitary Permits;

22                   **WHEREAS**, by the start of the first semester on August 7, 2024, fifteen (15) out of thirty-  
23 nine (39) schools had passed their DPHSS inspections causing the Superintendent, with the  
24 approval of the GEB, to front load all professional development days to the start of the school year;

25                   **WHEREAS**, the Joint Board Union Calendar Committee (JBUCC), comprised of school  
26 administrators, Guam Federation of Teachers representatives, GDOE Payroll Officer, Program  
27 Director of Head Start, deputy superintendents, and a GEB member who serves in a liaison  
28 capacity, was convened to review all issues related to the late start of the school year and provide  
29 recommendations to the Superintendent for approval and transmittal for GEB action; and

30                   **WHEREAS**, two school calendars were created and approved by the GEB on August 14,  
31 2024: a start date of August 15 for twenty-six (26) schools for in-person instruction, and a start  
32 date of August 22 for 15 schools with an alternate mode of learning pending DPHSS inspections  
33 (partnering of elementary schools for in-person instruction alternating days, and secondary schools  
34 online for daily instruction);

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1       **WHEREAS**, the GEB approved revised school calendars on October 15, 2024 to reflect  
2 November 5, 2024 as an online synchronous and asynchronous day due to Election Day.  
3 Additionally, for the August 22<sup>nd</sup> calendar, additional makeup days were added due to school  
4 closures (as a result of our island being placed on Condition of Readiness 2 on two occasions,  
5 unreliable water supply, and social media threats to student safety) that affected the 180  
6 instructional days mandate. Fifteen (15) schools following the August 22<sup>nd</sup> calendar will extend  
7 instruction until May 28, and four (4) schools will extend an additional day until May 29. To date,  
8 extending the calendar beyond May 22, 2025 will cost GDOE approximately \$1.3 million.

9       **WHEREAS**, effective Wednesday, March 5 through May 22, 2025, the fifteen schools  
10 increased their daily instructional minutes, as needed, to meet the required 900 hours of instruction  
11 per school year. With the current 174-day school calendar and daily instructional contact time of  
12 311 minutes, the schools made the 3 or 4-day adjustments, respectively, to offset the increase in  
13 instructional time. Fourteen of the 15 schools will end instruction on May 22; however, F.B. Leon  
14 Guerrero Middle School (FBLGMS) will end the school year on May 23. This will cost GDOE  
15 approximately \$30,504.50.

16       **WHEREAS**, the Guam Education Board recognizes the need for flexibility in instructional  
17 time requirements to address the unique challenges faced by the Guam Department of Education;

18       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Guam Education Board hereby  
19 requests to waive the 180 instructional days requirement or its equivalent as mandated by Public  
20 Law 28-45 for School Year 2024-2025 should additional make-up days be needed beyond May  
21 22, 2025, with the exception of FBLGMS that will end the school year on May 23, 2025.

22       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Guam Education Board authorizes the  
23 Superintendent of Education to submit this resolution and all required documentation including  
24 the amended listing of schools, to the 38<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature for approval;

25       **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its  
26 adoption.

27       **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE GUAM EDUCATION BOARD ON**  
28 **THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.**

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32       **Angel R. Sablan**  
33       Chairman, Guam Education Board  
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36       **K. Erik Swanson Ph.D.**  
Executive Secretary, Guam Education Board