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Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention Curriculum

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Buenas Yan Hafa Adai! Pursuant to Public Law 31-97, entitled “*The Lani Kate Protehi Y Famagu'on-ta Act*”, the Guam Education Board, Department of Education and the Office the Attorney General in partnership with the Department of Public Health & Social Services, Guam Police Department, Guam Behavior Health & Wellness, the Guam Coalition Against Child Sexual Abuse and a number of other partner agencies and organizations who serve on the Lani Kate Task Force have selected a comprehensive K-12 curriculum on sexual abuse and trauma created by the Hawaii State Sex Abuse and Treatment Center. Public Law 31-97 stipulates that the Guam Department of Education will **implement a curriculum designed to teach children about sexual assault and sexual violence** in order to increase awareness among young people and to empower them with knowledge about their rights and the law.

The program is broken up into age appropriate content and levels:

- ✓ Pre-K-2: “My Body is Special”
- ✓ 3rd – 5th: “My Body, My Boundaries”
- ✓ Middle & High School: “Respect”

A soft implementation of the program took place last school year with a few teachers in each grade level. This year will be our first year of full implementation and will continue as a regular part of the department’s curriculum. The elementary program will be taught by all Kinder -5th grade teachers while the middle and high school programs will be taught by the health teachers. The content is directly aligned to the GDOE Content Standards and Performance Indicators in Health and Physical Education and will be used as a supplement to strengthen their current curriculum in Health. Lessons for each level take approximately 1 hour a day over the course of 4-5 days, depending on how the teacher wishes to organize the teaching of the information.

This letter is a follow-up to the letter sent to parents on May 2, 2016 first informing you of the soft implementation during school year 2016-17. As noted, in school year 2017-18, will be full implementation in K-5 and Health classes and will continue as part of our regular school curriculum.

If you have any questions regarding the curriculum you may contact Mr. Joe Sanchez, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Improvement at 300- 1247/1635. Thank you for your attention to this and for your continued support.

Respectfully,


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