

Dear Dr. Underwood, Mr. Ayuyu, and fellow board members;

Two years ago I was appointed to an Education Policy Board. I was excited to become a part of that board because I saw an opportunity to impact the health of Guam's school children. After 20 months, I have not been able to push forward on this project. Although the GEPB was tasked with overhauling the entire body of school policy, The board was given no resources to accomplish such a task. That has left the board with only having the ability to tweak existing policy. I also discovered that it is school board policy to have policy developed by a team of DOE employee's detailed by the superintendent. That did not happen even though I have requested such support. And further there is a board policy that explicitly states that the superintendent (not a board member) will develop the comprehensive school health plan. In over 30 years that has not happened either. With the financial, political, and legal environment that the GEPB operated under, it did not seem likely that there would be a comprehensive plan developed.

Now the policy board I was appointed to is gone and I have been defaulted to be on a new board which is an operating board. Members of this board have much more responsibility and it will require much more time to properly govern DOE. I have neither the time, skills or desire to be a part of that process. For this reason I have decided not to accept the appointment to the Guam Education Board. As I was not given the opportunity to opt out of the default appointment, I will therefore resign from the Guam Education Board effective September 9, 2010.

I thank all of you for the opportunity to understand the inside working, struggles and challenges of our school system. There are many of you who go down as Hero's in my book because of your courage, dedication, insight and unwavering desire to "help our children".

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