OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HAGÅTÑA, GUAM
U.S.A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2012-03

RELATIVE TO EMPANELLING THE EDUCATIONAL LEARNING TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, while the Organic Act vests the governance over public schools within the *government*, and while the government has since vested governance in a Guam Education Board, the governor still has a moral duty to ensure the students in today's classrooms are achieving excellence and are prepared to build the economy of the future.

WHEREAS, it is my vision, shared with our public school principals, to assist our educational institutions in aligning student performances with workforce and economic development. I am thus challenging our public schools to revamp classrooms and curricula in a way that:

1. Holds the fundamental belief that all children can learn and succeed;
2. Improves Guamanian public school students' test scores to be competitive with their international counterparts;
3. Ensures *all* students are on the road to graduation and to higher education and/or a vocation;
4. Prepares students to build careers and to seize entrepreneurial opportunities; and
5. Readies each and every student to personally succeed and to build the economy of the future.

WHEREAS, the government has failed to provide our students with the education they need. There has been an inexcusable lack of leadership to focus the community around the importance of learning and the dignity of teaching. As a consequence, many of our students are leaving public school without the academic proficiencies needed to secure such employment as will allow them to afford the basic necessities and sustenance of life. In years past:

1. Public school facilities have not been adequate maintained and have been allowed to deteriorate;
2. Students and teachers have lacked basic instructional classroom tools and materials;
3. Classrooms and curricula have been limited by funding constraints, due largely to the constraints of the now-expired union contract;
4. The Department of Education has been unable to avail public schools of the evolving technology that can improve public education;
5. Evaluation of teachers' performances have not been tied to students' performance;
6. Classroom input has been more valued than learning outcomes;
7. Support and services for students living with disabilities and emotional disorders have largely been inadequate; and
8. While there have been benchmarks for success, they have been difficult to attain.

WHEREAS, the first step to solving our education crisis is to bring all stakeholders together to forge a path to success.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD J.B. CALVO, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan,* Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby order:

1. There is hereby established the Educational Learning Task Force to consist of the following members:

    i. The Governor's Chief Education Advisor;
    ii. The Governor's Chief Fiscal Advisor;
    iii. The Governor's Special Assistant, Social and Economic Affairs;
    iv. The Governor's Director of Communications;
    v. The Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Information Technology;
    vi. One member of the legislative majority, to be selected by the Governor;
    vii. One member of the legislative minority, to be selected by the Governor;
    viii. The President of the Mayors Council of Guam;
    ix. Four (4) members of the Guam Education Board, to be selected by the Governor;
    x. The Superintendent of Education;
    xi. The Deputy Superintendent for Educational Support & Community Learning;
    xii. The Administrator of the Guam Economic Development Authority;
    xiii. The Director of Public Works;
    xiv. The Chief Negotiator of the Department of Education's union contract negotiating team;
    xv. One public school teacher, to be selected by the Governor; and
    xvi. One parent of a public school student, to be selected by the Governor.

2. The Governor's Chief Education Advisor shall serve as the Task Force Chairperson.

3. The Superintendent of Education shall serve as the Task Force Co-Chairperson.

4. The Task Force shall:

    a. Develop a plan to return Untalan Middle School to its Barrigada campus by School Year 2013-2014;

    b. Provide to the Governor an assessment of district-wide capital improvement needs of the existing public schools, to include all learning tools necessary for academic achievement and excellence. This should include the assessment of current federal funds available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for public school CIPs;

c. Provide to the Governor an assessment of district-wide capital improvement needs for new schools, to include all learning tools necessary for academic achievement and excellence;
d. Provide to the Governor an assessment of the transportation needs of public school students;
e. Provide to the Governor an assessment of reforms needed to the Department of Education that will enhance the teaching and learning environment;
f. Provide to the Governor an assessment of the use of public school campuses, to include recreational areas and learning resources, for community engagement;
g. Provide to the Governor a financing strategy to pay for all assessments and plans included above;
h. Recommend legislation or executive action to fulfill the mandates listed above; and
i. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the Governor

5. All departments and agencies of the Government of Guam are hereby directed to provide such assistance as possible to aid the Task Force in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

6. The Task Force, with approval of the Governor, may consult with outside experts and, through the procurement of a government entity or agency, retain the services of such experts/advisors or consultants as necessary in the performance of its duties.

7. The Governor may from time to time designate such other cabinet or executive staff members who shall attend Task Force meetings.

8. The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, at the request of a majority of the members, or at the request of the Governor.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this **6th** day of **February, 2012**.

EDWARD J. B. CALVO
I Maga'lahen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

RAYMOND S. TENORIO
I Segunduna Maga'lahen Guåhan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam