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GUAM FEDERATION OF TEACHERS (GFT)

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STATUS ON GFT – GDOE NEGOTIATIONS FOR TEACHERS

The work of negotiations is continuing; while there have been agreements between GFT and GDOE in a number of contractual areas, a substantive disagreement has arisen. GDOE has taken the stance that Guam law gives the Guam Education Board unilateral authority over the teacher duty day, and therefore, teacher duty day is not an item that can be included in the negotiations. GFT is reviewing and considering with the American Federation of Teachers its response to GDOE's position on this paramount point of negotiations. GDOE welcomes the review and is awaiting the GFT response.

Negotiations remain on-going. While in December 2015 it was thought a completed contract would be finalized by the end of the School Year, several fundamental issues remain to be resolved in the best interest of the teachers, GDOE and the students they serve.

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