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### TRUANCY PREVENTION NOTICE TO PARENTS

To the parents of \_\_\_\_\_, our records at, \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Student* *Name of School*

Indicates that your child has accumulated \_\_\_\_\_ days of unexcused absences. It is your duty and responsibility to ensure your child attends school daily. If your child continues to incur more unexcused absences to the extent it reaches twelve (12) days, your child will be referred to the Family Court of Guam for truancy as required by law. Please review below the **GUAM ATTENDANCE LAW, TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED (GCA)**:

#### Section 6102 Duty to Send Children to School.

Any parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of any child who is at least five (5) years of age and has not reach the age of eighteen (18) years of age, not exempted under the provisions of this Article, shall send the child to a public or private full-time day school for the full-time of which such schools are in session, except that the starting date of school for children five (5) years of age shall be determined by the provisions of §6103 and 6107 of this Article.

The Superintendent is authorized to establish attendance areas. Any parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of any such child who is at least five (5) years of age, and has not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, who fails to comply with the provisions of this Section, *unless* excused or exempted therefrom, is guilty of a violation for the first offense, and subject to perform one hundred (100) hours of community service at the school of the student. For each subsequent offense, the person is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

#### Section 6401 (c) Truant

"Truant" means a pupil found to be absent from school without a reasonable and bona fide excuse from a parent.

#### Section 6402. Habitual Truant

A pupil is a habitual truant if the pupil has incurred twelve (12) or more unexcused absences in a school year, and is of compulsory attendance age. If any pupil is a habitual truant, the principal of the pupil's school shall request the Superintendent to file a petition concerning such habitual truant in the Family Court of the Superior Court of Guam.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact our office at;

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Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_