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GDOE and GEB Clears the Record

Tiyan, Guam – In a joint statement, the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) and the Guam Education Board (GEB) reaffirmed their commitment to continue and expand the department's Interscholastic Sports Association (ISA).

Superintendent Dr. Erik Swanson said, ***“Our goal has always been to offer more sports opportunities for both public and private school students on our island. We have no intention of dissolving ISA.” He added that the department is working with stakeholders to improve the quality and safety of the sports programs.***

The work session meeting on Tuesday, February 12, was an opportunity to discuss some challenges and solutions. The role and future of ISA within GDOE has never been a matter of debate or dispute between GEB and GDOE. Both parties have always been aligned and committed to our common vision and goals. We strive to improve the quality and outcomes of education and health for our students. ISA is and will remain an integral and valued part of GDOE in fulfilling that vision.

“The organization's formation and operation required a lot of work and I appreciate the Board's backing. It is encouraging to see that all schools have confirmed their support and interest in keeping the organization alive for our students' benefit. Moreover, the fact that most of the sports are unified demonstrates that we can achieve this goal without a negative impact on either sports organization. That is the direction we plan to pursue,” Dr. Swanson added.

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