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Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School Received WASC Accreditation

Tiyan, Guam - Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School has achieved a significant milestone by meeting the rigorous standards set by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC). This accreditation is a testament to the school's commitment to providing high-quality education and its dedication to continuous improvement. It reflects the hard work of the faculty, staff, and students, and it assures parents and the community that the school meets nationally recognized criteria for excellence.

Superintendent Dr. Erik Swanson said, *"The accreditation process is indeed a pivotal achievement for educational institutions, marking their dedication to excellence and ongoing enhancement. The efforts of the Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School in upholding outstanding educational standards are truly praiseworthy. It's the collaborative spirit of the staff, teachers, students, and community that fosters a beneficial environment for both the school and its students, leading to successful educational outcomes."*

For Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School, the six-year accreditation status is an acknowledgment of the school's dedication to educational excellence. The mid-cycle visit in the 2026-2027 school year will be an opportunity for the school to showcase its progress in addressing growth areas identified in the schoolwide action plan. This includes demonstrating effective strategies that have been implemented to improve student achievement in alignment with the schoolwide learner outcomes and academic standards. The in-depth progress report prepared for this visit will be crucial in illustrating the school's advancements and ongoing efforts to enhance the educational experience for all students.

Principal Beverly San Agustin states, *"The MAUES collaboration with all school stakeholders is an at testament of our commitment and diligence for our school and students. I am most grateful of our faculty and staff who continuously strive to make improvement overall. I appreciate the great support from Dr. Swanson & all the other GDOE divisions who contributed to our success."*

The school's accreditation status is contingent on its adherence to ACS WASC's stringent policies and criteria, which includes the active participation of its members in visiting committees. This collaborative effort ensures that the school continuously meets the quality standards set forth by the accrediting body. It's important for the school to uphold these standards, as any deviation could result in the modification or withdrawal of its accreditation, which could impact the school's reputation and the value of the education it provides. Maintaining accreditation is a dynamic process that requires ongoing dedication to educational excellence and community involvement.

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