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### **Harry S. Truman Elementary School Received WASC Accreditation**

**Tiyan, Guam** – The Guam Department of Education is proud to announce and congratulate Harry S. Truman Elementary School for receiving accreditation from the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC). Achieving accreditation from the ACS WASC is a significant milestone for any educational institution. It reflects a school's commitment to meeting high standards of excellence and continuous improvement.

The granting of a six-year accreditation status is a significant achievement for any educational institution. It reflects a commitment to maintaining high standards and continuous improvement. The mid-cycle visit scheduled for the 2026-2027 school year will provide an opportunity to review progress and ensure that the institution remains on track to meet its educational objectives. This accreditation not only validates the quality of education provided but also serves as a catalyst for further development and excellence. It's a testament to the hard work and dedication of all the faculty, staff, and students involved.

Principal Annette D. Salas said *"The Truman Eagles are at a heartfelt of appreciation to Dan Plough, Dr. Gayle Hendricks and Roberta Abaday. Special thanks to our families, Agat Vice Mayor Chris Fejeran, Michael Meno, Neldie Limtiaco, Debbie Shimizu, former Senator Tommy Morrison, Truman's Leadership Team and PTO Members. The process of Accreditation is important to us because it provides us a blueprint that reflects a thorough, accurate description and analysis of what currently exists in both strengths and critical areas of needs with learning as the focus. It allows for us to identify and implement action steps towards continuous improvement processes to ensure our students are provided with a safe and healthy environment while achieving quality education. The process allows us to be recognized, highlighting the staff and faculty for all the hard work, dedication and true commitment in the relationship with our students, providing nothing but the best for our students and families. We take this process seriously and are proud of our results. Together We Are Strong...Sparkle...Cherry."*

Superintendent Dr. Erik Swanson said *"The dedication of Harry S. Truman Elementary School to academic excellence and continuous improvement is truly commendable. It's inspiring to see such commitment align with the ACS WASC's standards, ensuring that students receive the highest quality of education. This pursuit not only prepares them for future academic endeavors but also sets a strong foundation for lifelong learning and success. Congratulations to the school on its achievements and best wishes for its ongoing journey towards excellence!"*

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