



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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Honorable Masa-Aki Emesiochl
Minister of Education
Palau Ministry of Education
Post Office Box 189
Koror, Republic of Palau 96940

Dear Minister Emesiochl:

Thank you for the timely submission of the Republic of Palau's Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2008 Annual Performance Report (APR) and revised State Performance Plan (SPP) under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The Department has determined that, under IDEA section 616(d)(2)(A)(i), the Republic of Palau meets the requirements of Part B of IDEA. The Department's determination is based on the totality of the Republic of Palau's data and information, including the Republic of Palau's FFY 2008 APR and revised SPP, other Republic of Palau-reported data, and other publicly available information. See the enclosure entitled "How the Department Made Determinations under Section 616(d) of the IDEA in 2010: Part B" for further details.

Specific factors affecting the determination made by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) that the Republic of Palau meets requirements under IDEA section 616(d) include: (1) the Republic of Palau provided valid and reliable FFY 2008 data reflecting the measurement for each indicator; and (2) the Republic of Palau reported high levels of compliance or correction for Indicators 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, and 20. We commend the Republic of Palau for its performance.

The enclosed table provides OSEP's analysis of the Republic of Palau's FFY 2008 APR and revised SPP and identifies, by indicator, OSEP's review of any revisions the Republic of Palau made to its targets, improvement activities (timelines and resources), and baseline data in the Republic of Palau's SPP. The table also identifies, by indicator: (1) the Republic of Palau's reported FFY 2008 data; (2) whether such data met the Republic of Palau's FFY 2008 targets and reflect progress or slippage from prior year's data; and (3) whether the Republic of Palau corrected findings of noncompliance.

As you know, pursuant to 34 CFR §300.602(b)(1)(i)(A), the SEA must report annually to the public on the performance of each local educational agency (LEA) located in the jurisdiction on the targets in the SPP. Because your jurisdiction is a unitary entity (i.e., the SEA is the only LEA), you may meet this public reporting requirement by posting your FFY 2008 APR on the SEA's website and making it available to the public, consistent with 34 CFR §300.602(b)(1)(i)(B). If your SPP includes revisions to baseline, targets or improvement activities in your APR submission, and OSEP accepted those revisions, please ensure that your SPP is updated accordingly and that the updated SPP is posted on the State's website and made available to the public, consistent with 34 CFR §300.602(b)(1)(i)(B).

OSEP is committed to supporting the Republic of Palau's efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities and looks forward to working with the Republic of Palau over the

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next year. If you have any questions, would like to discuss this further, or want to request technical assistance, please contact Richard Steffan, your OSEP State Contact, at 202-245-6759.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexa Posny". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

Alexa Posny, Ph.D.
Acting Director
Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosures

cc: Republic of Palau Director of Special Education