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PRESS RELEASE

The Guam Legal Services Corporation-Disability Law Center (“Guam Legal”) filed in the U.S. District Court of Guam a Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief including an application for immediate temporary mandatory injunction against Dr. Kenneth Erik Swanson, Superintendent of Education for the Guam Department of Education (“GDOE”) for discriminating against a public school student with a physical mobility disability and similarly situated students at Southern High School in violation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”), and local Guam statutes that mandate GDOE compliance with accessibility requirements of the ADA.

The Plaintiff is presently an 11th-grade student at Southern High School, which was built to be ADA compliant. None of the five (5) elevators have been operational or functioning, and they have not been repaired or replaced since Plaintiff began attending Southern High School in the 9th grade.

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