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PRESS RELEASE

Re: Notice to Parents of GDOE Special Education Students

Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center (GLSC-DLC), the Protection and Advocacy (P&A) System for people with disabilities, has discovered a major concern that may affect hundreds of public school students receiving special education services. GLSC-DLC believes that the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) is failing to provide related services, which include Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy, for our most vulnerable students with special needs.

Based upon GDOE's website data, at least five hundred students will regress, and studies show an overwhelming number of students with disabilities will fall behind without the services they are entitled to receive. These services are a critical component of the student's Individualized Education Program, and the GDOE is legally mandated to provide the services, ensuring a Free Appropriate Public Education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Are you a parent or guardian of a child with a disability? Have you received **Form 29 Parent Notice: Services Not Being Delivered** from GDOE or the service provider that services are not being delivered to your child? Contact GLSC-DLC to learn more about how we can help protect your child's educational rights at (671) 477-9811 or information@guamlsc.org

