



September 8, 2010

The Honorable Felix P. Camacho
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Re: Education Jobs Fund

Dear Governor Camacho,

In a letter dated August 13, 2010, U.S. Secretary Arne Duncan announced that Congress and President Obama has “approved and signed legislation that provides essential resources to assist local school districts in saving or creating education jobs during the 2010-2011 school year. The new **Education Jobs Fund** program will go a long way toward protecting these jobs and ensuring that America's students are prepared to succeed in college and careers. This \$10 billion program will enable schools to keep an estimated 160,000 or more education jobs.”

Guam has been allocated \$20 million through the Education Jobs Fund.

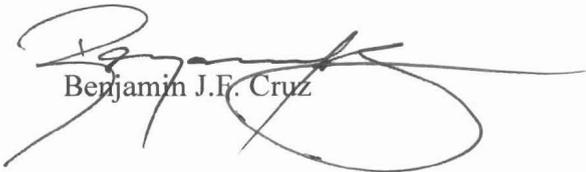
Further, in his letter, Secretary Duncan urges governors to approve and submit applications by the “statutory deadline of September 9, 2010”.

As of today, September 8, 2010, the application for the Education Jobs Fund has been submitted to you by the Guam Department of Education but remains on your desk awaiting your approval and signature and has not been received by the U.S. Department of Education.

The anticipated \$20 million from the Education Jobs Fund set aside for Guam can be used to pay for teacher salaries and benefits, school administrators and other essential staff. It can be used to rehire or recall former employees, retain existing employees, and can be used to ensure that students receive vital education.

I ask that you submit this application with urgency before the September 9, 2010 deadline in order to award funds expeditiously to our schools in dire need. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Benjamin J.F. Cruz