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Guahan Academy Charter School Rallies at ITC AG Rapadas Meets with Parents; Lt. Governor on Matter

December 12, 2013- Tamuning-Guam- Today, during a rally in support of the Guahan Academy Charter School at the intersection of the International Trade Center (ITC), Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas met with parents of the school and members of the parent teacher association. It was an opportunity for the Office of the Attorney General to clear up any misconceptions the group may have had and for them to air any of their concerns.

The Attorney General clarified his role in this matter and presented a timeline of what has happened thus far. The group expressed frustration towards the process and their desire that their children remain in a school they felt benefitted and continues to benefit the kids. The Attorney General explained that the pending agreement was really a much more complicated, larger set of inter-related agreements dealing with the Department of Education (DOE), and that there were pending concerns that needed to be addressed by the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR).

The Attorney General, immediately after meeting with the group, met with acting-Governor Ray Tenorio and a number of his staff and communications personnel, directors of BBMR, Guam Economic Development Authority, and Guam Environmental Protection Agency to discuss options. Core Tech was also present at this meeting. Both the Attorney General and acting-Governor Tenorio requested Core Tech to extend its timeframe to allow the kids to stay in the school at least until the end of the year and so that it will allow GovGuam to provide the pertinent supporting documentation to the Attorney General's Office for the issues brought up by Bureau of Budget & Management Research (BBMR).

"I trust that Adelup will ensure that it will address any and all of concerns brought up by BBMR so that we may move forward to provide the children a safe place to learn," said Attorney General Rapadas.

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