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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-003

A RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS DECLARING THE STATE BOARD'S INTENT TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP CONCERNING CULTURAL AND SCHOLASTIC EXCHANGES FOR THE BENEFIT AND ENRICHMENT OF OUR STUDENTS.

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education ("SBOE") was created by the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Constitution to provide maximum educational and training opportunities to the students of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, as the SBOE pursues its central objective of developing the human potential of the Commonwealth's students, it is tasked with creating an educational system that allows students to gain the most from their educational experience while preserving their integrity within a global community; and

WHEREAS, the SBOE recognizes that meeting the above obligations requires developing partnerships with numerous other entities within and outside the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the SBOE recognizes that a well-rounded education requires knowledge of the nations and cultures which are near to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the SBOE recognizes the value of cultural exchanges between students from other countries as opportunities to experience the customs, cultures, and languages of another country are often memorable learning experiences for students and teachers and promote global awareness; and

WHEREAS, the SBOE recognizes that the Gyeonggido Office of Education from the Republic of Korea is the office of education for Gyeonggi Province in South Korea. Gyeonggi Province is the most populous province in South Korea, and

WHEREAS, the Gyeonggido Office of Education shares the belief that cultural exchange programs between students and teachers provide valuable experiences for both participating communities; and

WHEREAS, the Gyeonggido Office of Education recognizes the mutual benefits of establishing bonds between our students and educators; and

WHEREAS, the SBOE believes that establishing a sister-school partnership between the schools of the Commonwealth and those administered by the Gyeonggido Office of Education would benefit all participating students, teachers, schools, and their respective communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SBOE hereby declares its interest in facilitating a system of academic and cultural exchanges with the schools administered by the Gyeonggido Office of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SBOE instructs the Commissioner of Education (Commissioner) to take all steps necessary to establish such a system of sister-school partnerships and academic exchanges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioner shall seek and receive the approval of the SBOE before finalizing any such partnership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioner is instructed to report to the SBOE on his efforts and progress as the need arises, but in no event less than monthly.

Adopted by the State Board of Education on this 12th day of May, 2025.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned of the State Board of Education of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the State Board at a meeting held on May 2, 2025, and reconvened on May 7, 2025, with a quorum present and voting.



Aschumar Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong
Chairperson



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