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CITIZEN
CENTRIC
REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2017

“WHERE EDUCATIONAL REFORM IS REALITY
NOT RHETORIC”



We Are: Guahan Academy Charter School (GACS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, private corporation. The Charter School was established (1) to provide a free, public charter school that is non-discriminatory in its admission policies; (2) to enroll students who reside throughout any of the villages on Guam; and (3) to serve as a prototype school for the National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFI) School Wide Reform Model.

Our Mission: GACS Mission is to empower our students with proven educational practices and social support to be productive citizens in the community.

Our Goals: GACS goals are to implement an academic program that meets the needs of a wide range of learners, including gifted students, as well as those who are at risk of academic failure (e.g., exceptional learners, children living in homes shelters and English language learners).

Charter: GACS is Guam’s first charter school approved on August 5, 2010, and whose charter was approved for a 3-year extension from SY2015-2016 to SY2017-2018.

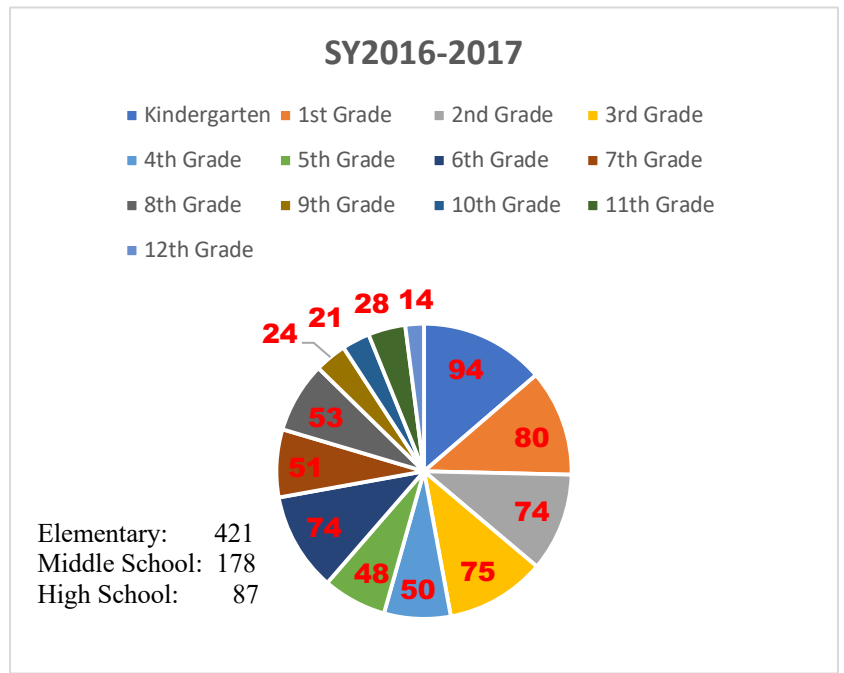
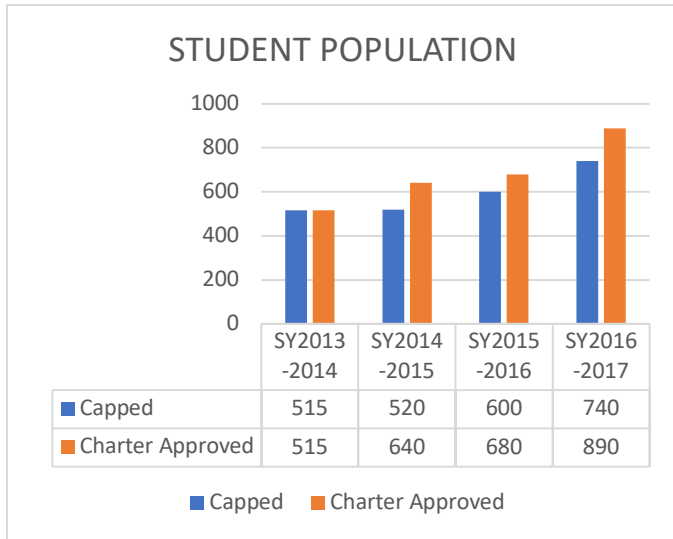
Governance:

Board of Trustees: Fe Valencia-Ovalles, Chairwoman
Terry Debold, Vice-Chairman
Rowena Zacarias, Secretary
Victor A. Perez, Treasurer
Dr. Jacqui Cyrus, Trustee
Hentrick M. Eveluck, Trustee
Richard Quiambao, Trustee

Administrators: Mary Mafnas, Principal
Teresita Cruz, Vice-Principal

Our School Community:

Overall growth in student population as capped by the Guam Legislature.



Gender:

Male	358
Female	328

Special Population:

Students with IEPs (Individual Education Programs)	24
English Language Learners	

School Transfers:

GDOE	261
Home School	1
iLearn Academy Charter School	10
Private Schools	25
Off Island	9
Other	379

Village Residence:

Agana	64
Agat	5
Anigua	1
Asan	4
Barrigada	96
Chalan Pago	14
Dededo	120
Harmon	7
Inarajan	4
Latte Heights	3
Maina	5
Maite	12
Malojloj	3
Mangilao	75
Merizo	4
Mongmong	15
Ordot	2
Piti	1
Santa Rita	11
Sinajana	17
Talofof	6
Tamuning	60
Tota	16
Tumon	3
Yigo	69
Yona	20
N/A	49

Ethnicity:

African American	3
Carolinian	9
Caucasian	13
Chamorro	379
Chinese	4
Chuukese	126
Filipino	79
Hawaiian	2
Japanese	11
Korean	4
Kosraean	3
Marshallese	1
Palauan	12
Pohnpeian	22
Samoan	1
Tahitian	3

Language:

Cantonese	2
Carolinian	3
Chamorro	1
Chinese	2
Chuukese	82
English	563
Filipino	7
Japanese	4
Korean	3
Kosraean	1
Pohnpeian	13
Yapese	4

Citizenship:

CNMI	21
FSM	28
Hong Kong	2
Japan	1
Republic of Belau	1
Republic of Philippines	4
South Korea	2
USA	623
Other	4

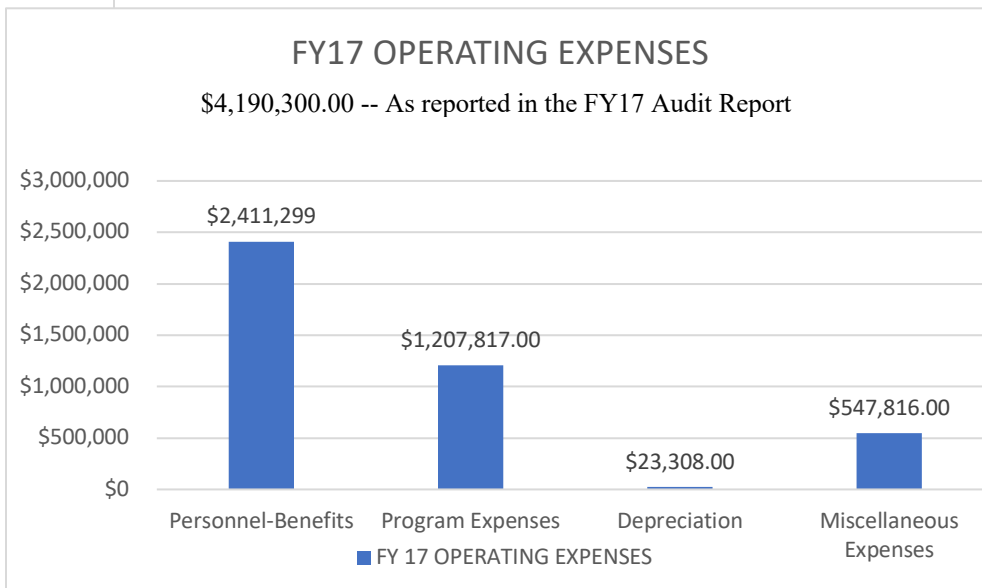
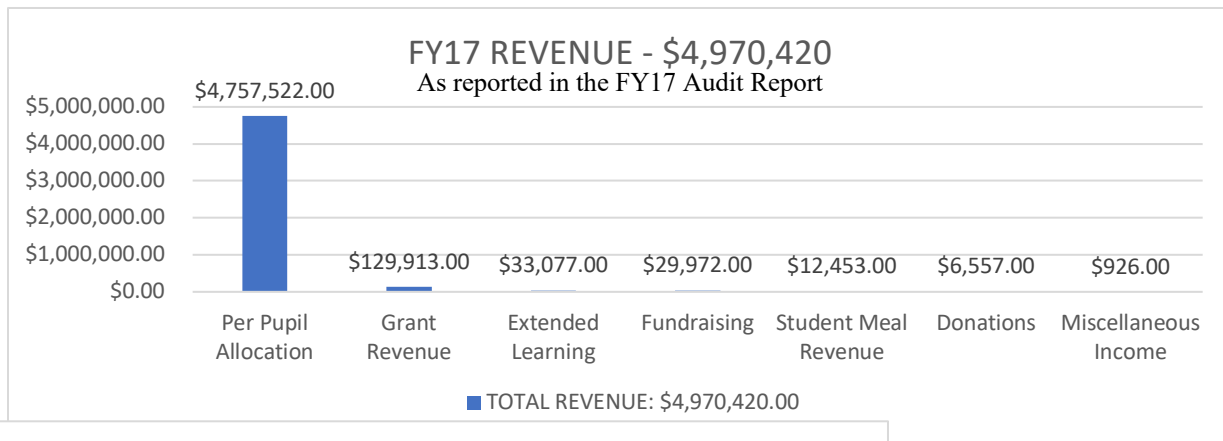
Attendance:

Total Students: 686
School Days: 178
Average Daily Attendance (total Present/number of days with attendance) **553.9**

APPROPRIATION BY GUAM LEGISLATURE:

FY2013 through FY2017

Fiscal Year	GACS Budget Request and *Council recommended approval	Funding Capped By Budget Law At Number of Specified Students	Authorized APPROPRIATION	Budget Law
FY 2017	\$4,810,000.00 *Approved Enrollment of 890	Funding Capped at 740 Per Pupil Funding Raised by Sen. BJ Cruz	\$4,810,000.00 Per Pupil Authorization Increased to \$6,500	P.L. 33-185 Lapsed into law 9/10/16 (Bill 250-33)
FY 2016	\$3,520,000.00 *Approved Enrollment of 680	Funding Capped at 600	\$3,300,000.00 Per Pupil Authorization @ \$5,500	P.L. 33-66 Lapsed into law 9/15/15 (Bill 37-33)
FY 2015 Amendment	\$3,300,000.00	Budget Law Amended and lifted funding cap to 600	\$3,300,000.00 Per Pupil Authorization @ \$5,500	P.L. 32-219 Signed 12/29/14 (Bill 419-32)
FY 2015	\$3,300,000.00 *Approved enrollment of 600	Funding Capped at 520	\$2,860,000.00 Per Pupil Authorization @ \$5,500	P.L. 32-181 Signed 9/5/14 (Bill 269-32)
FY 2014	\$2,832,500.00 *Approved enrollment of 515	No Funding Cap	\$2,832,500.00 Per Pupil Authorization @ \$5,500	P.L. 32-068 Signed 9/11/13 [Bill 1 (4-S)]
FY 2013	\$687,500.00	No funding cap Start-Up Funding	\$687,000.00 Per Pupil Authorization @ \$5,500	P.L. 31-233 Signed 9/7/12 (Bill 426-31)



INDEPENDENT AUDITS:
(Available at: www.guahanacademy.org)

- FY17 – Burger, Comer & Magliari
- FY16 – Burger, Comer & Magliari
- FY15 – Burger, Comer & Magliari
- FY14 – Burger, Comer & Magliari
- FY13 – Magliari & Associates

Note: RFP for FY18-FY20 Independent Audit Services is being published and awaiting respondents to RFP.

Challenges and Future Outlook

Candidacy Status / Initial Accreditation

June 30, 2017 – The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC) notified GACS that the Commission determined GACS (PK-12) met the ACS WASC criteria for candidacy and granted **Candidacy Status** through June 30, 2020. Candidacy for accreditation is a status of affiliation which indicates that an institution has achieved initial recognition and is progressing toward, but does not assume, accreditation.

Initial Accreditation Status

Schools which meet the organizational and support criteria for full accreditation and have a history and support system which indicate that a high-quality program can be sustained into the foreseeable future may be granted Initial Accreditation status for up to three years. GACS is completing its Self-Study Assessment and will be submitting a written Self-Study Report to include the recommendations of the Initial Visit Committee before the end of the Candidacy Status period.

Facilities – Proposed New Campus Plan

New School Campus Site:

This proposed site is zoned "S-1" (P.L. 33-189) and located in central Guam on Lot No. 2260 and Lot No. 2261-1, comprising of approximately 62,337 square meters. GACS bank loan commitment of \$14,000,000 with USDA 90% Guaranty expired September 30, 2017. No extension was sought because the Guam Legislature capped funding for 740 students versus a Council-approved budget request for 1,050 students.



Future Challenges

GACS faces many future challenges. Its Charter 5-Year Business Plan does not get the funding support from the Guam Legislature for the approved student population according to the Business Plan, even when the Council approves GACS fiscal year funding request. When GACS allotment requests do not come through, it placed GACS in a deficit. Grants, fundraisings and other funding sources are being pursued to reduce dependency on local government funding.

Charter Renewal

GACS application for a 5-year charter renewal due April 3, 2018.

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Our 2017 Graduates – Our Accomplishment

