

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 229

Creating the National Curriculum Committee

WHEREAS, the education of Palau's youth is the cornerstone of our future; and

WHEREAS, Palau's educational system must continue to improve by adapting its educational Palau's to help our students meet the challenges of today's world; and

WHEREAS, a modern educational curriculum should cover much more than traditional courses of instruction, and should aim to teach our youth how to live happier, healthier, and more productive lives and to be good citizens and guardians of our environment; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that Palau's students receive this type of complete education, our schools should teach courses in Environmental Awareness and Conservation, Health Education and Athletics, and Character Development and Good Citizenship; and

WHEREAS, though our schools do offer aspects of these courses on an occasional basis, we should require that all of our students study them on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, this new curriculum should be developed by qualified members of the community, so that it will reflect our collective knowledge and values;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of the Republic of Palau, it is Ordered:

I. Committee Created: There is hereby created the *National Curriculum Committee* ("Committee") to provide recommendations to the President, and Ministry of Education on developing a curriculum in the following disciplines:

- Environmental Awareness and Conservation:
- Health Education and Athletics
- Character Development and Good Citizenship

The Ministry of Education shall provide administrative support to the Committee. The Committee shall have the organization, duties, and responsibilities set forth below.

A. Composition

The Committee shall be composed of an Executive Committee and three Subcommittees. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Minister of Education (Chairman), the Minister of Health, the Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs, and three members appointed by the President. Each of these three appointed members shall be an expert in on field of instruction set forth in (I) above.

Upon formation, each of the three expert members of the Executive Committee shall become the Chairperson of a Subcommittee dedicated to his or her discipline, and shall recommend six members from his or her discipline to become members of his or her respective Subcommittee. The Executive Committee shall then vote to appoint the six recommended members, or to ask for more recommendations. Once all members are appointed, each discipline shall have a dedicated Subcommittee consisting of seven members - one expert member of the Executive Committee as Chairperson, and six members appointed by the Executive Committee. The Subcommittees shall be:

- Environmental Awareness and Conservation Subcommittee
- Health Education and Athletics Subcommittee
- Character Development and Good Citizenship Subcommittee

B. Meetings

The Executive Committee shall meet to form the Subcommittees within one week from the date the Executive Committee members are appointed. Thereafter, the Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman.

Once the Subcommittees are formed, each shall meet at least once a week to create the curriculum and other initiatives and programs for that discipline. The Ministers who are members of the Executive Committee may participate in the Subcommittee meetings.

C. Responsibilities and Duties

The Subcommittees shall work to create a recommended course of instruction in their respective disciplines. The recommendations should include but not be limited to, a list of topics to be covered, methods of instruction, and length of time students should study each discipline. The Subcommittees shall also recommend other initiatives and programs to raise awareness and understanding of these issues, including, for example, conferences, seminars, workshops, awareness days, contests, and other events.

In achieving this mission the Subcommittees shall call upon knowledgeable members of the comet community. All agencies of the National Government are ordered to provide assistance to the Subcommittees upon request. The Subcommittees shall also endeavor to listen to the concerns and suggestions of parents in the community.

D. Reports

Within two months from the date of this Order, each Subcommittee shall present to the Executive Committee a report on the development and implementation of a course of instruction, and other initiatives and programs in their discipline. The report shall also include a projected budget for the implementation of the new curriculum.

The Executive Committee shall either adopt the report, or return it to the Subcommittee with

