

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 259

***Establishing a Special Presidential Task Force to Study, Report and Make Recommendations on the Consolidation of Schools in Palau.***

**WHEREAS**, it is the Constitutional obligation of the national government of Palau to take positive action to attain certain national objectives and to promote certain national policies: among them being the provision of public education; and

**WHEREAS**, the completion of the Compact Road has made a consolidation of schools in Palau feasible; and

**WHEREAS**, a consolidation of schools may be in the best interests of the Republic as it has the potential of reducing expenses and permitting the Ministry of Education to maximize the effect of the scarce resources available to it:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in the President by Article VIII of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau, the President orders as follows.

**1. Special Presidential Task Force to Study and Report on the Possible Consolidation Schools in the Republic of Palau.**

There is hereby established a Special Presidential Task Force to be called the "School Consolidation Task Force", consisting of the following representatives of the following organizations, and such other organizations and persons as the President shall, from time to time, designate.

Ministry of Education - Minister Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl, who shall serve as Chairman of the School Consolidation Task Force.

Parents/Parents Teacher Associations - Rengiil Madalarak

Students/Student Body Associations - Current PHS Student Body President (TBN)

School Principals - Wycliffe Emul, President of the Principal's Association.

Governors - Governor Masasinge Arurang

Olbiil Era Kelulau - Senator Regina Mesebeluu and Delegate Kalistus Ngirturong

Palau Community College - Jay Olkeriil

Belau Family School Community Association - Hermana Umetaro

Belau Employers and Educators Alliance - Ivan Rudimch

Belau Head Start Program - Eidelyne Ikeya

Council of Chiefs - Chief Uong er Etei Victor Joseph

**2. Duties of School Consolidation Task Force.** The School Consolidation Task Force forthwith shall, as and when directed by its Chairman, meet, investigate, study, and consider the issue of a possible consolidation of the schools in the Republic.

**3. Reports; Deadlines.** The School Consolidation Task Force shall prepare and submit to the President a preliminary report on its findings and recommendation for action by no later than December 31, 2009, and by no later than March 31, 2010, submit to the President a final report on its findings and recommendations for action.

**4. Administrative Support.** The Ministry of Education shall make available staffing and other resources as requested by the Chairman of the School Consolidation Task force.

