

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 281

Establishing a Special Presidential Task Force to Study, Report and Make Recommendations on Public Education in the Republic of 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, it is critical to the community and culture and to the citizens and resident of the Republic of Palau that public education in Palau be of the highest quality in all respects;

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, Report, and Make Recommendations on the Status of Public Education in the Republic of Palau. There is hereby established a Special Presidential Task Force to be called the “Public Education Task Force”, consisting of the following persons, and such other persons as the President or the Task Force itself shall, from time to time, designate or invite to participate.

- Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl, Minister of Education, who shall serve as Chairman of the Public Education Task Force
- Joshua Koshiba, Ambassador and Chief Representative for Compact 432 Review, who shall serve as the Vice-Chairman of the Public Education Task Force
- Dr. Stevenson Kuartei, Minister of Health
- Dr. Patrick Tellei, President of Palau Community College
- Ted Borja, Retired Principal of Palau High School; President’s Special Assistant on Educational Matters
- Dr. Dale Jenkins, Headmaster, Saipan International School, Saipan; Special Assistant for Educational Affairs

2. Duties of Public Education Task Force. The Public Education Task Force forthwith shall, as and when directed by its Chairman or by its Vice-Chairman, meet, identify, investigate, study, and consider the immediate and long term status of all aspects of public education in the Republic of Palau, including, without limitation, the sufficiency of Palau's existing public education curriculum and infrastructure, the recent recommendations made by the President's School Consolidation Task Force, and the qualifications and salary of public school administrators and teachers.

3. Reports; Deadlines. The Public Education Task Force shall prepare and submit to the President one or more preliminary report or reports on its findings and recommendations for action as soon as possible but in no event later than December 31, 2010; and thereafter, by a date to be established by the President, a final report on its findings and recommendations for action.

4. Administrative Support. In the first instance, the Ministry of Education shall make available staffing and other resources as requested by the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the Public Education Task force. Should the Ministry of Education be unable to meet the needs of the Public Education Task force, then all other Ministries and agencies of the Executive Branch of the National Government shall cooperate with and make available staffing and other resources as requested by the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the Public Education Task force.

5. Effective Date and Duration of Task Force. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force and effect until it has been determined by the President that the assignment of the Public Education Task force is completed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 26th day of July, 2010.

/s/

Johnson Toribiong
President
Republic of Palau