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# Impeachment Tribunal overrules Ehsa's objections

By *Bill Jaynes*  
*The Kaselehlie Press*

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*Pohnpei, FSM*—The impeachment tribunal today overruled Governor Ehsa's objections to the process by which the Pohnpei State Legislature passed its articles of impeachment.

One of Ehsa's principal arguments was that Senators Shelton Neth, Magdalena Walter, and Francisco Ioanis voted for the impeachment resolution in violation of a procedural rule because the Speaker should have disqualified them from taking part in the vote. All of the named Senators were either running against Governor Ehsa for Pohnpei's At-Large Seat or had a close relative that was running against him.

If Governor Ehsa's argument had prevailed, then the votes of those Senators would have been discounted. If that had happened then the Articles of Impeachment would have been overturned and Governor Ehsa would have been restored to the office of Governor. Since the tribunal overruled that argument along with the five others that were filed by his attorneys, the impeachment can now proceed to the discovery phase. The discovery phase will consist mainly of depositions.

According to rules, trial on the impeachment should be in two to three months.

No other impeachment proceeding has gone as far as this one has. It is unclear whether the parties may appeal any of the Tribunal's decision given the strict statutory period by which the impeachment proceedings must be completed.

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# FSM Telecom customers will face inconvenience to refill cellular accounts

By **Bill Jaynes**  
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**Pohnpei, FSM**—FSM Telecommunications Corporation's (FSMTC) customers have been having a hard time finding prepaid TelCards at their usual local outlets. Many have begun to worry that they may soon find it impossible to pay for cell phone usage. While that isn't the case, at least for a little while it will be harder to refill FSMTC Cellular accounts, particularly for those people in the FSM who live long distances from an FSMTC office.

"We knew of the problem and expected that we would need to replace the specific component of the system that would break down since the product is not being supported in the market anymore," said Fredy Perman, FSMTC's Chief Operating Officer.

FSMTC has been using the component in question for over seven years. In technology years, that's at least a couple of lifetimes.

"It broke sooner than we wanted since we preferred to squeeze the investment we put into the system as much as we could. But now this problem is forcing us to change out now rather than later. It's not a service disrupting issue...but it sure is inconvenient (for our customers). We will be rolling out new ways of recharging and much more convenient services coming to the masses very soon," he said.

It is true that local agents in the FSM, each of whom earns 10 percent of each sale of an FSMTC TelCard, have not recently received stock to sell. When the cards that have already been issued to the agents have run out there will be no more until the technical problem is fixed.

FSMTC has plenty of physical TelCards in stock but the system is not yet ready to activate them in a secure manner. That's the problem they're working on. When the problem is solved, there will be plenty of cards available as there always have been.

Perman said that FSMTC doesn't currently have the ability to recharge cell phones online via debit or credit card but it is one of the services they are working on now to implement with the new card system that is being put in place to replace the old one.

FSMTC cellular accounts can be refilled in any amount at any FSMTC office with or without a physical FSMTC TelCard and the physical cell phone to be recharged does not need to be on the premises for the customer's cell phone account to be credited. One customer can refill more than one FSMTC cellular account at a time and the credits to those accounts will be instantaneous and verifiable by an FSMTC cellular account holder.

To verify the amount of credit on an FSMTC cellular phone account, dial 767.

FSMTC will return a text with the amount of your available credit at any time.

In Pohnpei, some people utilize taxi services to buy cash power cards for them and return them to them. It's possible that some FSMTC customers might find it more convenient to do the same to refill their cellular accounts than to go there themselves. For instance, a single taxi driver from Madolenihmw, Kitty, U, or elsewhere could potentially collect money and a service fee to drive in to Kolonia to refill an entire community's cellular accounts.

FSMTC does not anticipate that the problem with the system will take a long time to fix but they are not yet ready to provide an exact date. The best case scenario would be that the system will be fixed before all of the activated TelCards have been distributed, but there is no guarantee that will be the case.

Perman also said that they hope to incorporate an online method of paying for phone credit via debit or credit card that should be available with the new system.



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# JICA “World Smile” Gallery held at Kolonia and Ohmine Elementary Schools



By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

August 25, 2015

**Pohnpei, FSM**—In May of this year, the Seaside Gallery in Kuroshio Town, Kochi put on a unique art exhibit. On the sandy beach they strung miles of “clothes lines” and hung t-shirts submitted from countries around the world. The FSM was represented in that art exhibit entitled “Hirahira with the world”. Hirahira is the Japanese word that described the motion of the t-shirts fluttering in the breeze.

The town puts on the Hirahira display each year. This was the 27th year for the exhibition.

At first glance, the “World Smile Gallery”, at Kolonia Elementary School on Tuesday looked like laundry drying in the wind, but it was much more than that. It was the JICA World Smile Gallery, a much smaller version of the exhibit in Kuroshio Town. JICA volunteer Yuka Onishi staged the event at Kolonia Elementary School on August 25, and another at Ohmine Elementary School on August 27, each from noon to 1:00.



The event at Kolonia was hampered by an early release of students but some students were still able to see the exhibit. (After newspaper deadline, Onishi said that students were also released early before the event at Ohmine Elementary school as well.)

Onishi provided a white t-shirt at each event for the students to decorate. She says that she will be sending both shirts back to Kochi.

Starting in June, JICA volunteers in 10 other countries have held “World Smile Galleries”. The events are being held in Uzbekistan, Sudan, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Vietnam, Samoa, Marshall Islands, FSM, El Salvador, and St. Lucia.

The t-shirts that were on display at the Pohnpei events were from Kenya, Samoa, Rwanda, Thailand, Brazil, Djibouti, Bolivia, Senegal, East Timor, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Vanuatu, Uganda, Malawi, Panama, and Morocco.



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# St. Barnabas holds Youth Awareness meeting in Paies, Pohnpei

By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

August 15, 2015

**Pohnpei, FSM**—The St. Barnabas Church held a youth awareness meeting on the grounds of the church in Paies, Pohnpei. The meeting was designed to raise awareness within the community regarding community members' responsibilities for a better future.

Presenters at the Youth Awareness Meeting included representatives of the Office of Social Affairs, the Office of Mental Health, the Department of Education, and IOM's Migrant Resource Center.

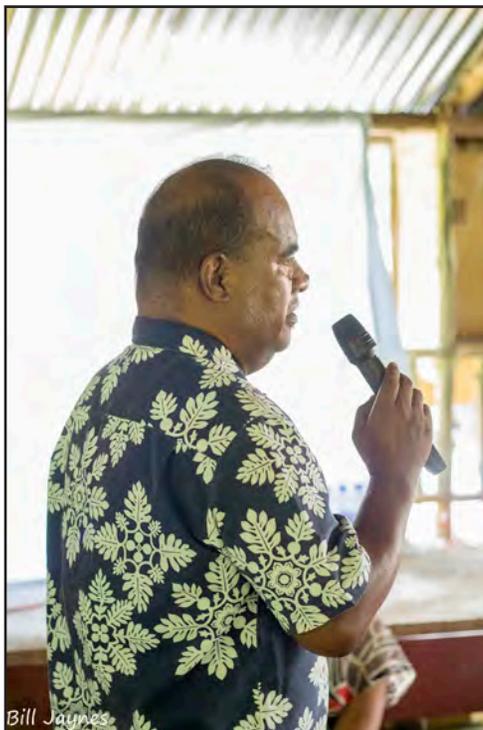
Though the Youth Awareness Meeting was sparsely attended, organizers hope that the messages from the presenters will be spread to the entire community.



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## ...Tribunal

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“The fundamental question before this tribunal at this juncture is whether we have jurisdiction to determine whether or not the Pohnpei Legislature acted appropriately in adopting (the impeachment resolution),” the tribunal’s Order and Memorandum said. “We hold that to decide the issue of the Legislature’s adoption of the impeachment resolution would constitute a clear violation of the doctrine of separation of power provided by the Constitution and that the tribunal lacks jurisdiction to decide the issue because it is not justiciable (capable of being decided by a Court).”

It said that a power that is given to one branch of the three branches of government is exclusively exercised within that branch without interference from the other two branches. The tribunal cited legal precedence when it said, “When called on to review and control the acts of...a coordinate branch of government, the court should proceed with extreme caution, and the right to exercise the power must be manifestly clear.”

It ruled that it could not adjudicate political questions and quoted from the famous *Nixon v. United States* case in which the U.S. Senate voted to impeach U.S. President Richard Milhous Nixon. “In *Nixon*,” the tribunal’s order said, “the U.S. Supreme Court found that the Constitution granted the Senate the ‘sole power to try all impeachments’ and that it was therefore clear that the judicial branch of government shall not become involved.”

The tribunal’s analysis of the FSM Constitution led them to conclude that, “It is clear from the plain language of Article 13, Section 6(2) that the Legislature is the sole political branch responsible for the adoption of the resolution of impeachment and service of its notice. It is also explicit from Article 13, Section 6(4) that the tribunal composed of three Justices of the Pohnpei Supreme Court shall try the impeachment.” The tribunal ruled that beyond the provisions of Article 13, Section 6, there were no further constitutional mandates guiding impeachment proceedings...the Constitution grants the Legislature broad judicially unreviewable power to adopt a resolution for impeachment.”

“...the judiciary has no jurisdiction to control the lawful action the Legislature took to impeach Mr. Ehsa because the power is reserved to the Legislature and there is no clear constitutional violation presented in this case,” the tribunal’s order said.

“We should be reminded that elections do not guarantee a certain victor and that a candidate may still win an election whether or not he or she has been impeached or is facing impeachment,” the order said. “On the face of Mr. Ehsa’s objection to the sufficiency for impeachment is the assumption that Mr. Ehsa lost the election because of the impeachment

## Habele Awards tuition scholarships throughout Micronesia

(Colonia, Yap) A dozen promising students from three FSM States are headed to the private school of their families choosing this year.

These exceptional students received K-12 tuition scholarships from Habele, a nonprofit founded by former Peace Corps Volunteers that operates exclusively in the FSM.

“Investing in the future of these bright and ambitious children is a real pleasure,” stated Matthew Coleman, a Habele Project Director. “It’s exciting to participate in empowering the future leaders of the FSM. Habele knows there are many other gifted students for whom educational opportunity is still just a dream, and we remain committed to the mission of reaching them.”

Among the 2015-16 Habele scholars are students attending Saint Mary’s, Yap SDA, Yap Catholic High School, Xavier High School, and Calvary Christian Academy. The six boys and six girls come from a number of island communities across the FSM.

Students and their families commit to maintaining - or raising - their exceptional GPAs, participating in extracurricular programs that complement classroom instruction, and maintaining exemplary attendance and conduct records.

Scholarships cover a large percentage, but not all, of school tuition and fees, leaving parents and guardians meaningful financial participation in their child’s education. These scholarships are issued directly to schools, in

proceedings against him or that the result of the impeachment process has direct ties to the election results, even when other candidates are no more or less likely to win.”

Ultimately the tribunal ordered that it has no jurisdiction to decide the issues concerning the adoption of the impeachment resolution as it occurred in the Legislature and as such overruled the objection to sufficiency for impeachment.

Though there doesn’t appear to be any method of appeal of the Order and Memorandum of the tribunal under Rule 30 of the Rules of Impeachment Proceedings for the Pohnpei State Court, a party can move the court within 10 days of entry of judgment to amend its findings or make additional findings.

Under the rule it appears that a question could be raised as to whether the tribunal’s order and memorandum is a “judgment” or not.



the name of each student, who must provide report cards and other progress indicators to Habele throughout the school year.

Established by Americans who taught in island classrooms, Habele empowers access

and accomplishment throughout Micronesia. In addition to the scholarships, Habele serves K-12 students through literacy donations, and extracurricular projects. Among these are the “Yap Robo League” and the Waa’gey traditional skills mentorships.



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# Matson's Third Annual "Big Fish" Tournament yields some monster fish

## Pohnpei Fishing Club

August 22, 2015

**Pohnpei, FSM**—If Matson Navigation wanted to see big fish that's exactly what they got in the third annual big fish tournament in Pohnpei.

On her first ever outing with the Pohnpei Fishing Club, Nahila Peterson, aboard the "Niquisa", captained by Benjamin Peterson landed a 136.5 pound marlin. It won her \$800 in the tournament.

Allois Malfitanti, aboard the "Pohnpei

Surf Club" landed a 132 pound yellow fin tuna for the \$500 prize. He said it was the biggest yellow fin he'd ever caught.

Mary Tretnoff, aboard the "Ms Yirwor" would certainly have been forgiven if, when she brought her 107.5 pound yellow fin up to weigh, she thought she would win the first prize but it was just one of several monster fish caught on the day. She won \$300 for her monster fish.

Welber David who had fished aboard the "Poawoawoa" earned the fourth place prize with a very respectable 95 pound Yellow

fin tuna. David was also the captain of his vessel and brought in \$200 in prize winnings.

Aboard the "Happy Hooker," captained by Kumer Panuelo, Marty Sanel brought in an 84.5 pound yellow fin. He won \$150 for his effort

Dane Nighswander stole the show as the junior angler for which he won \$100. He had been fishing aboard the "John Marrington" captained by his dad, Aaron Nighswander.

Mary Tretnoff was the Lady Angler and won \$100 for that honor.

Prizes for biggest species were \$100 each.

Prizes for biggest Skip Jack went to Denise Etscheit and Trevor Mix.

The prize for the biggest Wahoo went to Mangko Bloom aboard "Saimon's Boat".

Mary Tretnoff scored the largest Barracuda, and Welber David scored again with his Mahi Mahi.



## Pohnpei-Micronesia, Japan set to commemorate the ultimate sacrifices during the WWII on 29 September 2015

Kolonia, Pohnpei. In remembrance of those who made ultimate sacrifices during the WWII, Micronesia- Japan Traditional Ceremony Association, has been, in the past several years, promoting the cultural exchange with Micronesian people through Japanese Tea Ceremony. Ms. Keiko Uyama who is a board member of Pohnpei Trailways Inc., in Pohnpei, FSM, which built hiking trails from the end of the Nanwelen Pehleung to Mt. Nahnaloud.

According to an article in a major Japanese newspaper in Japan, Ms. Keiko Uyama is known as the first Japanese to climb the highest point on Mt. Nahnaloud.

In a joint effort between Pohnpei Trailways Inc., and Traditional Ceremony Association, Keiko Uyama has initiated which is to commence on September 29, 2015, to offer prayers for the world peace and in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifices during the World War II.

The memorial event consists of four parts;

First Part – Memorial Service for praying world peace.  
11:00 am to 12:00 am at the Mangrove Bay Hotel

Activities involve: (note: mostly silence)

1. Prayer by Mr. Shibata, representative of Japan, former statesman given the special award from Emperor of Japan
2. Message by Mr. Fujii and Trumpet Playing by Mr. Karaguchi for World Peace;
3. Ceremonial Tea by Ms. Uyama and Flowers bestrewn by every participant

Second Part – Traditional culture presentation and tribute, from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm at the Cliff rainbow hotel garden

1. Welcome remark by His Royal Highness Salvador Iriarte, Iso Nanken of Nett;
2. Pay Tribute for ‘World Peace’ by offering of Japanese Sake-Dassai and Hokushin Miso, Sanda-Rice and Toyosuke-Manju;
3. Japanese Tea Ceremony and Traditional Sakau Ceremony

Third Part – Celebration ceremony for the FSM President from 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm at Cliff Rainbow Hotel

1. Presentation of Tribute of Japanese Sake-Dassai and Hokushin-miso
2. Jazz Trumpet playing by Mr. Karaguchi for the President

Fourth – Dinner Party and cultural shows, from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at Sei Restaurant

1. Greetings by both countries
2. Menu of the local special products and Japanese dishes
3. Traditional cultural exchanges ; Micronesian dance, Japanese dance, Jazz music by professional Jazz musicians, Comical skit, etc. Everyone join and enjoy them.



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# Pohnpei Youth Council promotes “Youth Civic Engagement” on International Youth Day



*By Pohnpei Youth Council*

**August 12, 2015**

**Pohnpei, FSM**—On August 12, 2015 the Pohnpei Youth Council (PYC) invited youth groups from throughout Pohnpei including representatives from outer islands to attend a two part celebration for International Youth Day. The theme for this year was “Youth Civic Engagement”.

Weeks before the actual date of our program, the PYC, along with Kitti SDA Youth (church group), Youth 4 Change (adolescent issues awareness group), and Miracles (singing group), organized community outreach promotion visits, called YOUTH REACH, to promote the International Youth Day event and also promote the theme of civic engagement by actually going out into the communities and showing what they are capable of. The program included songs and skits from all groups, focusing on religion, teen pregnancy, alcohol abuse, peer pressure, and substance abuse. This program was the first impression of the PYC for many youth groups as they weren't aware of what the PYC was or stood for. Many of the youth groups who registered for the Youth Leadership Forum on August 12 were groups the PYC had visited. Posters were also printed for the PYC from the Migrant Resource Center, to help promote the event.

A Youth Leadership Forum was organized for the morning portion of August 12, beginning at 8 AM in the Governor's Conference Room with the theme of “Youth Civic Engagement in achieving Sustainable Development Goals.” The PYC registered 108 youth groups leaders that morning, not counting the supporters and parents who wished to sit in on the Forum.

For most of our participants, this was the first formal Forum they had ever attended and so it was a bit exciting and heartening to see their awed expressions when they received their folders, filled with flash drives, notepads, pens, markets, and HIV/Aids and STD pamphlets, courtesy of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, MicroPC, the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, the Nature Conservancy, and the HIV/STD Program for Pohnpei State Health. We also gave our participants t-shirts and lanyards, to keep as souvenirs of the day, made possible from the generous sponsorship of Vice Speaker Berney Martin, the NCD Program at Public Health, the PREP Program at FSM Health, and UNFPA.

Acting Governor Marcelo K. Peterson delivered the welcoming remarks and shared words of advice to our future leaders. Mrs. Carleila Carl-Edgar gave the keynote address for the Forum, showing the

youth what we can accomplish while we are still young, as she has accomplished so much while still under the age of 30. She was an inspiration and motivation for many of our participants, as they shared with us afterward. We invited guest presenters from Kaselehlie Press, V6AH, the Migrant Resource Center, Patrick Blank for Grants Applications, Personal Responsibility Education Program, Non-Communicable Disease Program, Disability Program, a Gender Equality presentation, Conservation Society of Pohnpei, Micronesia Conservation Trust, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, a short presentation on ‘wahu’ given by Social Affairs Senior Citizen coordinator Mr. Kester James, and an overview of PYC by Social Affairs Youth Coordinator Mr. Person Joseph.

All presenters showed up and gave very informative presentations for our youth participants and how our youth could be involved in relevant programs and how they can also contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals. There were 5 facilitators, all members of Youth 4 Change, who introduced each speaker and also made sure the program ran smoothly, keeping to the time limits as much as possible. There were also 20 volunteers, from Youth 4 Change and Kitti SDA Youth, helping out with preparations, helping out during

the programs, and cleanup afterwards. Our catering for the team time break was done by Ms. Jasmine Mendiola and Mrs. Michiyo Akinaga Nanpei, both young ladies who create magnificent dessert treats as a hobby. The participants were kept hydrated with water generously donated by the US Embassy, the Talent Search Program, and the Micronesia Conservation Trust. The Youth 4 Change kept us entertained during our short breaks with original songs dealing with peer pressure, teen pregnancy, and substance abuse. At the end of the Forum, all participants gathered outside the Conference Room, rocking their International Youth Day shirts printed at RS Roque for a group photo to end the morning program.

Right after the group photo, participants received delicious take out prepared by Mrs. Doioko Carl, a local business vendor, who worked hard to supply us with 250 takeouts. While some participants stayed to enjoy their food, others started the short trek up to the public gymnasium for the afternoon portion of the day, a Music and Dance Competition. Ideally, we wanted and had reserved the Spanish Wall Park for the Competition, to be able to showcase our talents to more of the general public. However, when we went to set up, we found the ground was too muddy to have people



walking around in. A sign was put up at the stage, directing people to the public gym, but was either blown down or carried off, because many people did not see a sign they arrived there. The PYC is very sorry for the misunderstanding and miscommunication and will be harder in future events and programs to avoid that inconvenience.

The Competition was open for registration a few weeks before the big day, for any and all youth groups to register a song that followed the theme for the day and/or a dance, any style. Because of the generous donations and support of tents, tables, and chairs from LP Gas, Division of Sports Pohnpei State, and Congressman David W. Panuelo, we were able to seat most of our audience members and also provide a space outside the gymnasium for organizations to set up information booths, and also hide from the rain as we have been having very wet weather recently. Unfortunately, due to some miscommunication and the bad weather, only Conservation Society of Pohnpei was able to set up an information booth that day.

The Competition had to start on time, 2 PM, in order to end on time, since Liberation Day basketball games were starting on the same day at 6 PM. The gymnasium was packed hours before the program had even started,

with more spectators and supporters setting up outside the gym. A rough estimate of the total number of spectators would be around 400.

The Music portion was first, led with the help of our emcee from Micronesia Productions, Elieser Rospel with the help of Nigel Jaynes. Mr. Patrick Blank of Micronesia Productions, Mr. Stuard Penias, FSM Youth Coordinator, and Mr. Kester James were judges for the music portion. There were a total of 8 performances, including the following: Tyson Rosen, Kitti SDA Youth, Youth 4 Change, Peidie Youth Organizatin, Pohnras Youth Organization, Sapwuahfik Youth, Tamworohi Youth, Brad Saimon, Richard, and Rachel Narruhn. We were fortunate to have CARE Micronesia Foundation providing cash prizes for the music competition.

The first place prize was awarded to Tyson Rosen, second place to Kitti SDA Youth, and Brad Saimon, Rachel and Richard Narruhn took third. The Pohnpei State Department of Health and division of Public Health were also co-sponsors in the music competition. At the end of the music competition, Speaker Fernando Scaliem delivered the keynote address for the afternoon portion of the event.

Immediately following the keynote address, we began the dance portion of the program. We had 8 very talented youth groups perform for us that day: ELLE, the reigning champions, West Side, Ohwaiian, Pohnras Youth, Trafudas, Young Ladies, I Am # 2, and a local dance by Pidek en Dolen Wenik. There was also an extra performance by the youngest members of Tamworohi Youth. As there were only 2 judges, Mr. Penias and Mr. James, it was a bit difficult to come up with a satisfactory winner. There were 3 first place winners: ELLE, Westside, and Ohwaiian. Trafudas came in second, and Pohnras Youth came in third place. Pidek en Dolen Wenik was given an honorable place, since they were the only local dance that day. We are fortunate to have \$500 from UNWOMEN to use as prizes, which have gone into gift certificates at ACE Office Supplies. We are hoping to be able to find enough funding to provide consolation prizes for all the participants, for all the time and effort they put into their performances. The PYC decided not to give out cash prizes as they may be used for alcohol and drugs or other unsavory activities. Since ACE does not supply these, we decided it was a safe place to use the gift certificates. We also received an extra prize donation from Mr. Feliciano Perman.

time to clean up and get the gym ready for the basketball games. Our buses we had for the day, with fuel generously supplied by the Upward Bound Program, were able to transport our participants back to their residences, thanks to our hardworking bus drivers, Mr. Albert Kerman and Mr. Dadawo Peter.

We were able to purchase some of our miscellaneous needs, such as food for our volunteers during preparations the night before the event, ice cubes, foam plates, napkins, urgent fuel needs, extra forum needs like folders, pens, and notepads, with charitable monetary donations from Acting Governor Marcelo K. Peterson, Ambassador Akillino H. Susai, and Senator Ferny Perman.

The Organizing Committee, consisting of Ms. Stephanie Edward, Mr. Marson Rosario, Mr. Jose Joab, Mr. Cory Kustin, Ms. Joan Iohp, Ms. Benida Pelep, Ms. Avalon Edward, Ms. Shanty Sigrah, Ms. Jasmine Mendiola, and Ms. Universe Yamase would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to our sponsors, donors, family, friends, peers, and everyone who helped make this year's International Youth Day an event to remember.

The program ended at 5 PM, with enough

# Ribbon cutting ceremony for renovation of Kolonia Elementary School security fence

On August 20, 2015, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the Project for Renovation of Security Fence for Kolonia Elementary School in Pohnpei State which provided US\$86,526 for Department of Education, Pohnpei State under Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects. The objectives of this project are to provide students with a safe learning environment and to prevent damages to school facilities caused by break-ins into the school.

In his keynote address, Ambassador Masaki Sakai pointed out that education is essential for nation building and expressed his respect for those who are making great efforts to improve education in the Federated States of Micronesia. He sincerely hopes that the fence will support students to learn, nurture friendship, and establish KIZUNA (strong bonds) among themselves as well as with people of Japan. The Hon. Marcelo Peterson, Acting Governor of the Pohnpei State Government, showed his gratitude to the government of Japan for presenting generous assistance for development of the country. Followed by the addresses, a ribbon-cutting was carried out by Ambassador Sakai and the Hon. Peterson.

The ceremony was witnessed by Director of Education Joseph Villazon and other staffs of the Pohnpei State Government, principal and teachers of the school, embassy staffs, and people of the community.



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## Handover Ceremony of the Project for Procuring a Mobile Clinic for Department of Health Services

On August 14, 2015, a handover ceremony was held at the Pohnpei State Hospital for the Project for Procuring a Mobile Clinic Car for Department of Health Services, Pohnpei State which provided US\$23,553 for Department of Health Services under Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP). The aim of this project is to improve primary health care in Pohnpei by procuring a mobile clinic car to provide school children with vaccinations and medical checkups.

At the handover ceremony, the Government of Japan handed over a mobile clinic car to the Department of Health Services, Pohnpei State. In opening remarks, Ms. Robina Anson, Acting Chief of Primary Health Care, expressed her heartfelt welcome to guests and appreciation to the Government of Japan for providing the mobile clinic car to enhance immunization programs in Pohnpei State.

In his speech during the ceremony, Ambassador Masaki Sakai stated he is pleased to hand over the mobile clinic car to the Pohnpei State Hospital, followed by medical equipment procured under GGP in January, 2015. Ambassador Sakai presented his hope that granted vehicle will be a great support to provide

adequate medical services to people of Pohnpei, as well as to strengthen KIZUNA (strong ties) between people of Japan and the Federated States of Micronesia. Mr. Paulino Rosario, Director of Health Services in Pohnpei State, showed his belief that the mobile clinic car would be optimally utilized to improve provision of primary health care service in municipalities with limited access of transportation.

Present at the ceremony were Director Paulino Rosario, Acting Chief Robina Anson, state government officials, staff of the Pohnpei State Hospital, and staff of the Embassy of Japan.



## Tobacco and Nutrition Pledge Signing Ceremony

On July 24, 2015, the Chuuk Non-Communicable Diseases Program (NCD) and Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Community Health Intervention Program (CHIP) under the Division of Public Health within the Chuuk Department of Health Services held a Tobacco and Nutrition Pledge Signing ceremony at the High Tide Conference Room.

Different Chuuk government department directors signed the tobacco pledge to establish an organizational policy enforcing Chuuk State

Public Law (CSPL) 11-12-17 or enforcing smoke-free zones in all enclosed public areas, as well as expanding the CSPL 11-12-17 to all unenclosed public areas. Among the many government buildings in Chuuk, there were a few directors that pledged to enforce the Chuuk Indoor Clean Air Act at their respective buildings. On behalf of the buildings, the heads of each government buildings signed the pledges and these include Governor Johnson Elimo for the Chuuk Administration Building; Director Graceful Enlet for the Department of Education; Sergeant Jacob Hilario for the Department of Public Safety & Mr. Frank Cholymay on behalf of the Disaster Control Office. A few days later, two other departments showed their support by signing the pledge to enforce the Chuuk Indoor Clean Airt Act, Director Tesime Kofot for Marine Resources and Director Julio Marar for the Chuuk Health Services.

In addition, several local store owners signed the nutrition pledge on expanding the current healthy food sections at their respective stores to include other healthier food items as well as implementing the 'Stop and Go' Campaign wherein popular food items at the stores will be labeled as having low, moderate or high salt content.

High salt intake, insufficient access to healthier food and beverage options and exposure to second-hand smoke are all risk factors in developing chronic diseases such as diabetes, stroke, hypertension and cancer. These non-communicable diseases are the leading causes of mortality and morbidity in Chuuk. Both the tobacco and nutrition interventions aim to change the policy, systems and environments that influence the community's health in Chuuk. Ms. Jennice Hashiguchi for Shigeto Store; Mr. Sergito Pautan for Bernie's Store; Mrs. Mae Aisek-Narruhn for Deal Fair Store and Mrs. Kensen Wengu for AWM Store.

Congratulations to these directors for supporting the fight against Second-Hand smoking at the government worksites and to the store owners for taking part in providing access to healthier foods at the grocery stores, and a huge KINISOU CHAPUR to the REACH PROJECT for making it possible.

For more information on how you can be a part of this intervention, please call the Division of Public Health Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Program at 330.7127 or contact the REACH Local Project Assistant Ms. Inou Shomour at ishomour@gmail.com .

Government Buildings supporting the Tobacco Pledge:

Administration Building  
Department of Education  
Department of Public Safety  
Disaster Control Office  
Department of Health Services  
Department of Marine Resources

Stores supporting the Nutrition Pledge:

AWM Store  
Bernies Store  
Deal Fair Store  
Shigeto's Store

### ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 15-06

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**POSITION:** Human Resources/Administrative Associate, LES-6

**OPENING DATE:** August 31, 2015

**CLOSING DATE:** September 14, 2015

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A copy of complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available at the U.S. Embassy. Contact tel. no. (691) 320-2187.

## Special Session turns over infrastructure fund appropriations to states

**PALIKIR, POHNPEI - August 21, 2015.** The Second Special Session of the 19th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia adjourned its five day session on August 17 with several measures, among which was an Act to complete its turnover of allotments of all compact funding to the state governments.

Congress convened on August 13 as called by the President, but immediately recessed. Because of unforeseen sea and air transportation issues, only three of the 14 Members were present: Acting Speaker David W. Panuelo, Senator Paliknoa K. Welly and Senator Alik L. Alik. Acting Speaker Panuelo recessed the special session until a quorum of eight members was present to transact business.

The 2nd Special Session reconvened the next day with 10 members and worked straight through the weekend to address the issues highlighted in the President's call which included finalization of the compact grants appropriations, public project adjustments, and actions on the President's nominees.

The Congress' first action was passage of Congressional Act (CA) 19-24, which appropriated \$2,844,880 for Public Infrastructure Projects in the State of Pohnpei. The bulk of the fund was for the Nanpei Memorial High School and its Library Project. The remaining \$235,000 went to School Designs for Pohnpei state. The measure as passed was the final appropriation for compact infrastructure to be made by the Congress.

During the previous Body, Congress had transferred the national government's shares of compact sector funding to the state governments. Congress passed CA 19-25, to repeal the law (PL 14-48), which gave, according to interpretations, the FSM Congress exclusive jurisdiction to appropriate compact infrastructure funds. Aside from the sector grants for the College of Micronesia, the Act finalized the turnover of Compact funds appropriations to the state governments and clarified that Congress would no longer entertain appropriations of any compact infrastructure sector funds.

In its ongoing assistance to state governments, CA 19-26 amended a previous law to change use and allottees of certain funds previously appropriated for public projects and social services in the states of Chuuk and Pohnpei.

Congress passed CA 19-2, to make various amendments to the National Government FY-2015 Budget to change the use and allottee of funds previously appropriated, mainly in the section on Capital and Human Resources Development.

Along with the Acts listed above, the 2nd Special Session also considered the submitted nominations as highlighted in the Call for Session. Passage of nomination resolutions required 10 votes but with only 10 members in session, most of the nominations placed during the session were denied. Still, Congress was optimistic that the nominations might fare better with a full house. It therefore authorized the President through resolution to resubmit the same nominees for the same posts for re-consideration.

Congress also adopted several resolutions. Congressional Resolution (CR) 19-78 congratulated Jennifer Dugwen Chieng for her achievements in the 2015 Pacific Games representing the FSM, especially as the Gold Medal winner of Women's Boxing.

The rest of the resolutions that were adopted during the special session authorized the President to resubmit his nominees for consideration. According to the FSM Code, the President may not resubmit a nomination to the Congress if the same Congress previously rejected the nominee, unless the Congress through resolution authorized it. To that effect, Congress adopted the following:

CR 19-79 to resubmit the nomination of Ms. Lorrie Johnson-Asher, Esq. to serve as the Public Defender of the Federated States of Micronesia;

CR 19-80 to resubmit the nomination of Mr. Lorin S. Robert to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia;

CR 19-81 to resubmit the nomination of Mr. Wilson F. Waguk to serve

as the Deputy Chief of Mission Affairs at the Embassy in Fiji;

CR 19-82 to resubmit the nomination of Dr. Elizabeth Iehsi Keller as a member of the MiCare Board of Directors representing Pohnpei State;

CR 19-83 to resubmit the nomination of Ms. Julie R. Yoruw to serve as the Yap State representative on the MiCare Board of Directors; and

CR 19-85 to resubmit the nomination of Mr. Nakama Sana to serve as the Public Auditor of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Following the adoption of the resolutions, the 5-day 2nd Special Session of the 19th FSM Congress adjourned sine-die on Monday - August 17, 2015.

The next session of the Congress will be in September. Among other pending matters, Congress will consider the National Government budget for the upcoming fiscal year, FY 2016.

## FSMSSA Retains Asia Pacific Group as Investment Consultant

The FSM Social Security Administration has decided to continue to employ the Guam-based Asia Pacific Group for institutional consulting, and related investment services, for the FSM Social Security Trust Fund, after the migration of Asia Pacific Group practice from Morgan Stanley to Raymond James & Associates (RJA).

This migration is in response to the decision of Morgan Stanley to discontinue business in the region, while RJA is interested in expanding into the region. Asia Pacific Group's migration to RJA is expected to provide continuity of all the investment related services currently being provided to the FSM Social Security Administration.

Asia Pacific Group provides institutional consulting, and related investment services, to over \$1 billion in client assets throughout Micronesia, to include the FSM Social Security Administration. RJA has total client assets exceeding \$500 billion and is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Guam-based Asia Pacific Group has been in the region for over 30 years and is headed by Dan Roland and Jason Miyashita. The FSMSSA initially hired the company in September 2006 and the FSMSS Investment Portfolio has performed very well under their consultation.

## Sector Grant Scheme (SGS) Open

The Australian Embassy in Pohnpei is accepting Sector Grant Scheme (SGS) applications for projects that have a development focus and target **education, health and gender equality**.

You can submit applications from **July 20th – September 11th**.

Applicants must have proven successful project management skills.

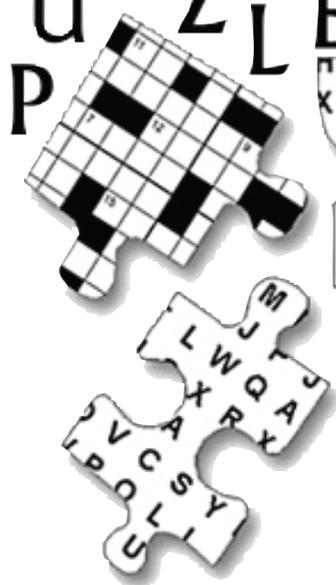
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# PUZZLES



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- 49 Breakfast dish
- 51 Virtuous
- 54 Valerie Harper series
- 56 Type of ax
- 58 Lombardy's lingo
- 62 Downwind
- 63 Hard wood
- 65 Poisonous snake
- 66 Exert restraint
- 67 Fabled fast starter
- 68 Inventor Howe
- 69 Daly of "Cagney and Lacey"
- 70 Lodge members
- 71 Christmas visitor

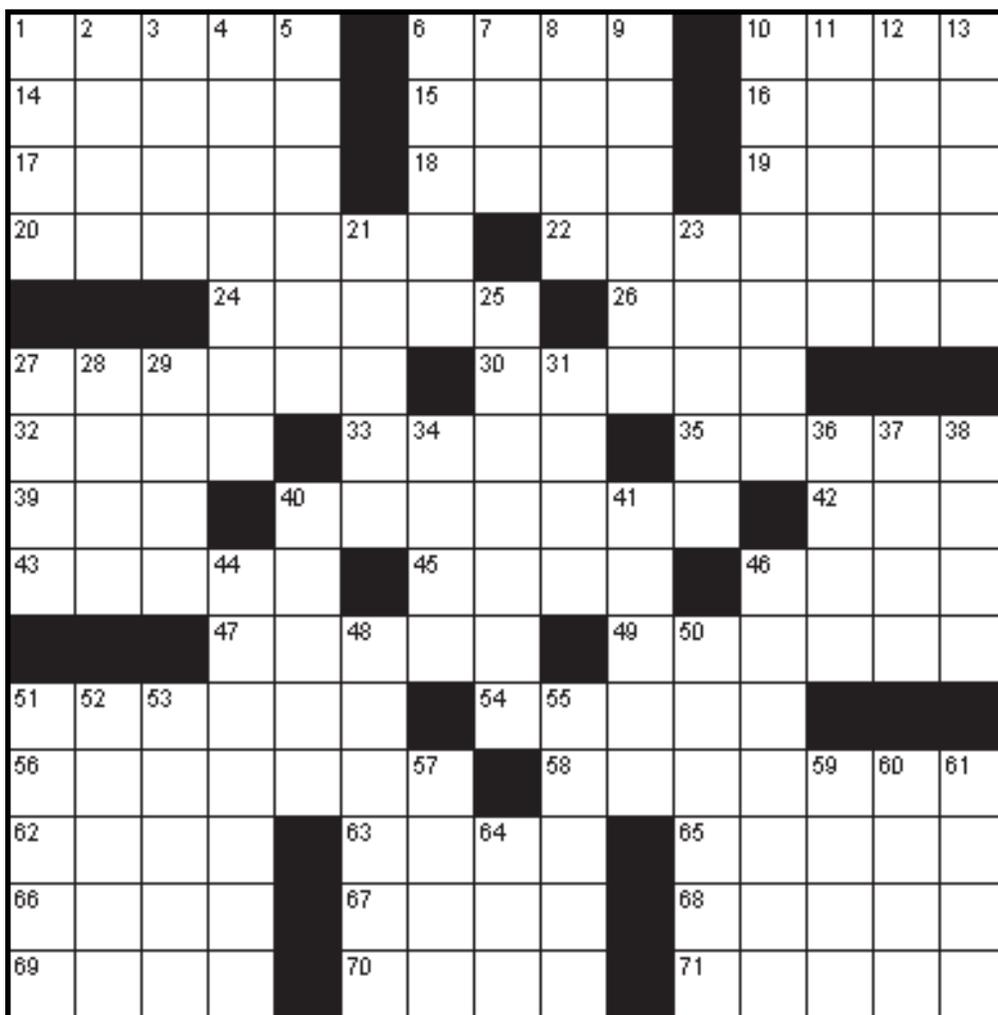
## Across

- 1 Taj \_\_
- 6 Five-star Bradley
- 10 Counterfeit
- 14 Speedily
- 15 Augur
- 16 Mata \_\_
- 17 Basket for jai alai
- 18 Neighbor of Yemen
- 19 First family member
- 20 Sweep
- 22 Ancient Greek soldier
- 24 "The Cat in the Hat" author
- 26 Actor Matthau
- 27 Attest
- 30 Zaire, formerly
- 32 French singer Edith
- 33 Tell secrets
- 35 To the left
- 39 Business abbr.
- 40 Lizard
- 42 Chinese principle
- 43 Composer Bruckner
- 45 Prevaricates
- 46 Axis leader

## Down

- 1 Riot queller
- 2 Peak
- 3 Lock part
- 4 Pretend
- 5 Not so hefty
- 6 They're found among the reeds
- 7 Small business co-owner
- 8 Wife of Esau
- 9 Fame
- 10 Small open boat
- 11 Religious costume
- 12 Alpine feature
- 13 Distance runner
- 21 Indonesian island west of Timor
- 23 Heathen
- 25 More alarming
- 27 Western Samoa's capital
- 28 Twain's Huck
- 29 Actuality

# Crossword



- 31 Theater award
- 34 Respite
- 36 Oklahoma Indian
- 37 Hindu prince
- 38 Implement
- 40 Scythe handle
- 41 A "My Fair Lady" setting
- 44 Lewd
- 46 Refrain syllables
- 48 Boil
- 50 "My Cup Runneth Over" singer
- 51 Nautical reference
- 52 "Roots" author
- 53 Dined at home
- 55 Raises
- 57 Dabbling duck
- 59 Poker declaration
- 60 Like \_\_ out of hell
- 61 Cape Canaveral org.
- 64 Covenant holder

# Riddle Me This!

See if you're sharp enough to solve the 5 riddles below. ...Give up yet? Check your answers at the bottom of the page.

I am taken from a mine, and shut up in a wooden case, from which I am never released, and yet I am used by almost everybody.

What goes round the house and in the house but never touches the house?

What is it that you can keep after giving it to someone else?

What walks all day on its head?

What gets wet when drying?

# Word Search

- Soak
- Soapbox
- Soccer
- Society
- Socket
- Socks
- Sodium
- Solace
- Solid
- Solo
- Solver
- Sonata
- Sonnet
- Sorbet



- Sorrel
- Sorrow
- Sortie
- Sound
- Source
- South
- Soviet
- Sower

## Editorial

### FED UP!

I'm fed up with this bureaucracy  
 This false shepherd democracy  
 That builds up the people with lies and dishonesty  
 Honestly, how can our people toil and not protest  
 And stir up civil unrest and attest to all the political travesty.  
 I'm enraged about how our leaders can live so content  
 They are deranged!  
 To think that they could profit off our ignorance  
 We are not simpletons!  
 I speak out in defense!  
 Not at all out of insolence, but out of concern for those who are innocent  
 Of getting caught in the cross hairs and cross fire between the truth seekers and  
 the redundant liars I'm tired of playing this waiting game  
 And leaving it up to pompous airheads  
 To screw up, load triggers, and point fingers  
 Acting all brain dead!  
 So much for being our nation's distinguished figures.  
 Let me tell you how we were all misled  
 In the beginning  
 There was a promise  
 That pleased the doubting Thomas  
 Although little did we know  
 That money was the main accomplice,  
 That will taunt us and haunt us  
 Along with our messed up Congress  
 With their nonsense blabber  
 I say, how they could not get any fatter  
 Sitting back in leather seats  
 Making meaningless monkey chatter  
 Coming from out bound and hither  
 While watching our nation wither  
 Forgive me for being vituperative I just think they are super ludicrous  
 I'm not saying every Congressman is selfish and corrupt  
 To generalize, would be hypocritical and abrupt  
 There are those who work whole-heartedly  
 Marvelously, making ends meet for their family And genuinely want to see our  
 nation at its finest  
 To those upright men and women, you deserve every kindness  
 To the right to proper health, wealth and education  
 And the opportunities to reach the highest elevations  
 Because where we are now is not the final destination  
 So I say now to all and thee  
 Our hope lies not in our nation's treasury  
 But with those who seek truth and wisdom  
 And refuse to be part of this country's system  
 Of exploiting the flaws of culture and tradition  
 To further advance one's selfish mission  
 So carefully look, breathe, think and listen  
 Strip yourself of doubt, folly and superstition  
 And climb out of this cave where we've been  
 Entertained by shadows and shackled by sin  
 Chained, dazzled and locked in  
 Let us break free of these illusions  
 Confusions and mental seclusion  
 To get up to the surface and see the light  
 And bask in the panoramic sight.

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## Research vessel's inboard tours

After a long sail from Japan, Research Vessel "KEIFU MARU" and "RYOFU MARU" arrived in Dekehtik Port in Pohnpei. It held Inboard Tours for Japanese residents in Pohnpei and COM students who study about marine science respectively on August 1 and August 19, 2015

The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) operates two research vessels in the North-Western Pacific. It also operates in the seas adjacent to Japan. These Vessels mainly monitor large-scale, long-term variations of the environment. They study issues such as global warming in cooperation with international observation programs such as IOCCP (International Ocean Carbon Coordination Project).

During the Tours, Captain Tanabe from KEIFU MARU and Captain Naoi from RYOFU MARU, and Chief Scientists explained the workings of the vessel and research procedures. They toured the inbound facilities such as the control cabin, laboratory, operating room, and the sea water sampling machine (CTD). They also showed the visitors around the living space for sailors and researchers.

The Evening after the Tours, Ambassador Sakai held fellowship receptions for the Japanese residents, researchers, and sailors. The successful Tours had about 33 participants in total through good coordination between the Japan Meteorological Agency and the Japanese Embassy in FSM.



Ambassador Sakai making welcome speech at his residence



Cabin Officer briefing for Japanese residents in Pohnpei



Left: Captain Naoi and COM students from Marine Science.



Above: COM students expressing their gratitude to participate in the tour.

Do you note?

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# Education Corner: Richard Womack, Ed.D

Last issue the Education Corner (EC) left a little homework for everyone about student attendance. Quite simply, are children seen around neighborhoods playing when they should be in school? We should have added are there many students straggling along "on their way" long after school has begun. But the homework was a little unfair since school is just now beginning.

For now readers should know that some schools have very high Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and some schools are not quite as high. Why is this? That is really the homework question. It's a community matter. While we have no real research it seems that communities that make formal education a community priority have good attendance. But EC will continue to ask, "Why do some schools have high ADA and some not?" So let us know what you think at [womackandassociates765@gmail.com](mailto:womackandassociates765@gmail.com) or leave a comment on this article in the Kaselehlie Website at [www.kpress.fm](http://www.kpress.fm) or [www.kpress.info](http://www.kpress.info).

In the last EC, teacher attendance was mentioned and more homework promised. Like student attendance, teacher attendance varies from school to school. In some schools teachers rarely miss a day. In other schools teachers seem to "take leave" very often. We all know part of the answer to this one—some teachers attend more funerals than others. Why do some teachers teach most of the day and attend after the teaching day? We would

like some thoughts on this as well and we encourage your comments. [womackandassociates765@gmail.com](mailto:womackandassociates765@gmail.com)

We ask these questions for the sake of improving student learning. We assume that with more students in school more often and with teachers missing fewer days more will be learned. Are these important factors for improving student learning? We believe so and it is important because it is the community that can impact the improvement.

EC will always pass on to the school principals any useful suggestions you may have.

To be sure the most important factor to improving student learning is improving teaching. This job falls on the school principal. The school principal's job is to be the school leader and particularly the leader of teachers and the curriculum. Today, with FSM Accreditation, far more is required of the school principal.

Dear Readers: The job of a Pohnpei Principal seems almost overwhelming when we look at accreditation language like this and what is required:

A Pohnpei Principal will exhibit Leadership when (s)he demonstrates:

- Skills and actions that improve Teacher Performance as measured by improved student

performance

- The ability to use Data Management for decisions leading to improved student performance
- That the teachers understand and teach all the National (and PDOE) Curriculum Standards, Benchmarks and Student Learning Outcomes
- That the School Campus, Classrooms and Facilities meet or exceed all building codes and health and safety codes.
- The ability to rally the teachers and community to produce and implement a School Improvement Plan (SIP) focused upon improving student learning.

This SIP and knowing how it works will be the topics of future of EC comments. To be sure, the SIPs must show how the student and teacher attendance will be improved. If we all knew the duties, responsibilities and expectations now placed on our principals---we would act much more kindly upon them.

Lastly "hats off" to our Municipal Police as they tend to the safety of the school children as they travel to and from school and make the road crossings. EC commends our police for making our children's safety an important part of their job.



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