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Dear Parent / Guardian:

Consistent with the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Ethical Standards, it is important to inform parents/guardians, who have the legal and inherent right to guide their child's life, of the services offered by school counselors. Guam Department of Education (GDOE) school counselors offer short-term individual counseling services to students, as well as small group counseling, aimed at the more effective education and socialization of a child within the school community. These services are not intended as a substitute for diagnosis or treatment for any mental health disorder. Parents/Guardians or school staff may refer students for counseling, or students may request for counseling themselves.

This school year, your child will be offered school counseling services at Oceanview Middle School as part of the student's in-school program. The types of services include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Academic Counseling
- ✓ College and Career Counseling
- ✓ Personal / Social-Emotional Counseling (supportive and not therapeutic)
- ✓ Classroom Guidance Curriculum
- ✓ Virtual School Counseling
- ✓ Case Management / Coordination
- ✓ Meetings with Parents/Family
- ✓ Individual and Small Group Planning
- ✓ Individual and Small Group Supportive Counseling (not therapeutic)
 - Skill areas may be addressed in these setting but are NOT limited to the following: Friendship and Social Skills; How to Be Successful in School; Dealing with Anger; Dealing with Anxiety; Dealing with Death, Sadness and Loss; Learning Self Control; Improving Self Esteem; Leadership Skills; Coping Skills for Social Emotional; Social and Emotional Education; Other Groups
- ✓ *Screeners (require an Informed Consent Form)
- ✓ School Counselor Assessments (Functional Behavior Assessments, *Columbia Risk Assessment, and *other areas that require an Informed Consent Form).

*Require an Informed Consent Form to be completed

If you DO NOT want your child to participate in some or all of the counseling services, please contact your school counselor at 565-2961.

Disclaimers:

- ❖ If parents/legal guardians choose to exclude their child from academic, career, or personal/social-emotional counseling, they shall have the sole responsibility to ensure that all academic and graduation requirements are fulfilled, and that their child's personal/social-emotional well-being and needs are addressed.
- ❖ Should there be an emergency, or a school crisis and your child needs immediate supportive counseling, the refusal for counseling services does not apply. Parental permission is not required for counseling and/or crisis intervention needed to maintain order, discipline, or a productive learning environment.