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Delegate Juan T. Lizama  
Chairman  
Committee on Governmental Institutions  
Second Northern Marianas Constitutional  
Convention  
Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Mr. Lizama:

We just received Delegate proposals 193-85 and 214-85 and offer the following testimony.

### Proposal 193-85

The striving for accreditation may just as well be provided by law or policy as through the Constitution. For example, accreditation for elementary schools may not be cost effective and its disadvantages may outweigh the advantages. For that reason, the Board or Legislature should have the authority to determine if and when accreditation should be applied.

Since nothing in the present constitution or law prevents the Boards from establishing advisory commissions, task forces etc., subsection (D) may not be necessary. Certainly, the establishment of appropriate and relevant curriculum is one of the normal functions of the Board. Matters such as these may be provided by law or addressed by the Board itself.

### Proposal 214-85

As previously cited, we support the election of the Board of Education and we have no objections to this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Education

FOR  
Juan N. Babauta  
Chairman, Board of Education