

**A HOUSE RESOLUTION**

Requesting the Chuuk State Department of Education and the Board of Education to expand the Etten Annex to include grade five (5), addressing student safety, logistical hardships, and local staffing capabilities.

1           **WHEREAS**, the Etten Annex currently serves as a vital educational institution for the  
2 children of Etten Island, providing essential primary instruction up to grade four; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the current educational structure requires students to depart Etten Island  
4 immediately upon completion of the fourth grade to seek further schooling in Tonoas or  
5 Weno; and

6           **WHEREAS**, this mandatory commute subjects students to significant safety risks  
7 inherent in daily sea travel and creates a financial burden on families regarding transportation  
8 costs and off-island sponsorship arrangements; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the community of Etten Island recognizes that the continuity of  
10 education within a child's home environment fosters better academic outcomes and  
11 strengthens the social fabric of the community; and

12           **WHEREAS**, there are qualified and capable educators residing on Etten, who are  
13 willing and able to meet the staffing requirements necessary for such an expansion; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the parents, traditional leaders, and residents of Etten Island are  
15 committed to a sustainable partnership with the Department of Education to ensure  
16 administrative success; and

17           **WHEREAS**, Annexure 1 of this House Resolution, is a proposal to gradually establish  
18 grades 5 to 8 at the Etten Annex School for the Department of Education and the Board of  
19 Education to take into consideration; the now therefore,

20           **BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives, Eighteenth Chuuk State  
21 Legislature, Second Regular Session, April, 2026 that it hereby requests the Chuuk State  
22 Department of Education and the Board of Education to authorize the expansion of the Etten  
23 Annex to include the Fifth Grade for the upcoming academic year; and

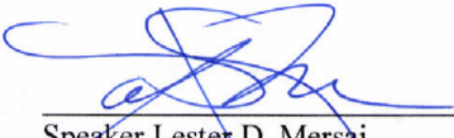
24           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** those certified copies of this Resolution be  
25 transmitted to the Chuuk State Department of Education, Board of Education, the Governor

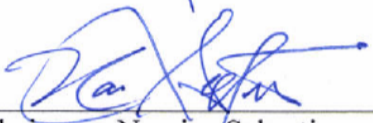
- 1 of the State of Chuuk, President of the Senate, the Chief Justice of the Chuuk State Supreme
- 2 Court, the Mayor of Tonoas and Etten, and the Principal of the Etten Annex.


Date 05/08/2026


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