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~Weekly Updates~

*"The Journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."  
"O se malaga mamao e amata i le la'a e tasi."*



Participants of the McREL Pacific Workshop!

### PROFESSIONAL DAY FOR TEACHERS POSTPONED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Professional Day has been postponed until further notice.

### ASDOE 2014-2015 ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

The Department of Education has submitted its 2014-2015 Accomplishment Report to the Governor and Fono Committee Education members. Some of the major accomplishments mentioned in the report but not limited to: the 1<sup>st</sup> year roll-out of the 5 Year Comprehensive School Based Improvement Plan (CSBIP), UH BEd Cohorts for Manu'a, ECE and SPED, PowerSchool SMS upgrade from Chancery SMS and training, Establishment of Territorial PTA, and the WASC Training for all Elementary Principals.

### EDUCATION NORTHWEST-REGION X EQUITY ASSISTANCE CENTER-(EAC)

Director of Education Northwest, Mrs. Yvonne Ryans, will be on island to conduct workshops and training for all high school and elementary counselors, December 7-11, 2015. Workshop will focus on promoting safe and healthy school communities, strategies to prevent and respond to harassment and bullying, provide ongoing training to students and staff in their schools and collaborate with PTA members in their roles in creating a welcoming and successful school communities.

### EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (EPER)

ASDOE formal evaluation is to be completed by all supervisors beginning from Deputy Directors and onward in your respective divisions. This is the final evaluation of the year summing up 2 evaluations for decision making which may include recommendation for increment, promotion, suspension, or even termination. Please turn in no later than Friday, 30 November 2015.

### REL Pacific-Regional Educational Laboratory Training

The workshop spearheaded by Dr. Philip Herman and Dr. Daisy Carreon, presented data McREL gathered on college readiness indicators of American Samoa students, data from Northern Marianas college readiness indicators, predictors of college success, effects of college developmental courses (non-college credit courses/remedial Math and English) on student success/non-success in college. Students currently attending ASCC, (graduates from our local high schools 2012/2013), shared their experiences transitioning from high school to college, and suggested ways on how ASDOE can better prepare high school students for college. The following 2 days were spent with individual groups meetings with McREL on the progress of the departments 5 Year CSBIP and discussions on any challenges faced by the group.



McREL workshop, Tradewinds-28 Oct 2015, Pago Pago-American Samoa. (Photo courtesy of Ms. Heidi Uele)