

GDOE – FEMA Typhoon Mawar Report

as of August 15, 2025

The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) is working on securing FEMA reimbursements in the aftermath of Typhoon Mawar (all new updates are in color blue font.)

The following are claims that are being followed up.

- A \$280,230.39 claim has been submitted for air conditioning units at Astumbo Middle School.
 - GRO conducted a cursory review of the invoice for 28 HVAC 5 ton units and determined:
 - maintenance and warranties is an unallowable cost for reimbursement.
 - 23 5-ton A/C units are authorized for reimbursement.
 - GRO, in coordination with FEMA, concluded that a scope change is required to consider reimbursement for the remaining 5 HVAC units. GDOE will pursue this scope change under GRO's guidance.
 - A revised reimbursement request for \$280,230.39 has been resubmitted to GRO as of August 14, 2025.
- GDOE is seeking \$390,095.47 in reimbursement for labor and materials used during the typhoon response.
- Invoices totaling \$316,918 for repairs at Astumbo Middle and Ligan Elementary Schools are under review for submission to Guam Homeland Security.
- The total pending reimbursement amount is approximately \$987,243.86.
- The Facilities and Maintenance Division to pinpoint completed work orders for schools with obligated FEMA claims. The FEMA team has identified eligible claims and is now compiling the corresponding labor cost, purchase orders and invoices to support reimbursement requests.
 - Timesheets for Facilities and Maintenance Staff who completed work orders of eligible claims
 - Identified completed work orders aligned with FEMA-approved damage claims
 - Assembled purchase orders and vendor invoices for each eligible work order
 - Preparing and reviewing reimbursement packages for submission

Simon Sanchez High School Temporary Classroom Project.

GDOE is coordinating with the Office of the Governor to move forward on the Simon Sanchez High School temporary classroom installation. This partnership taps into other government agencies to provide procurement support, secure funding, and handle the technical requirements for setting up the temporary structures. Draft MOAs for between GDOE and Guam Housing Corporation and the Guam Department of Public Works have been submitted to partner agencies for their review.

FEMA Determination Memorandums

FEMA has issued memorandums deeming certain claims ineligible, attributing those damages to deferred maintenance rather than direct impacts from Typhoon Mawar. In response, GDOE has

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reviewed all relevant work orders and submitted an appeal to the Guam Recovery Office for schools affected by the ineligibility determinations. FEMA determination appeal letters have been submitted to the GRO office as well as uploaded onto the FEMA portal for the following schools:

1. Agana Heights Elementary School
2. B.P. Carbullido Elementary School
3. Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary School
4. Marcial A. Sablan Elementary School
5. Captain H.B. Price Elementary School
6. Wettengel Elementary School
7. Inarajan Middle School
8. George Washington High School

GDOE is unable to appeal the denial for Southern High School because there was no insurance coverage related to Super Typhoon Pongsona. Applicants that receive Public Assistance funding to replace, repair, reconstruct, or construct a facility must obtain and maintain insurance to protect the facility against future loss.

Okkodo High School Athletic Fields Lighting Issue

GDOE is still in the process of identifying funds to cover the costs of repairs for the athletic field lights and HVAC systems. Both claims have been approved and are eligible for reimbursement from FEMA, up to a total of \$1.29 million.

The lighting at Okkodo High School's athletic fields has been non-functional for nearly two years due to damages caused by Typhoon Mawar. Community members and sports organizations have consistently expressed concerns about the lack of progress on repairs, which are part of a pending FEMA Public Assistance project.