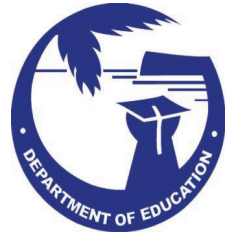




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Superintendent of Education

March 31, 2025

To: All Members, Guam Education Board

From: Superintendent

Subject: Superintendent's Report – April 1, 2025 GEB Meeting

Simon Sanchez HS Construction Project: The Superintendent, Deputy Adamos, and Principal Masnayan and her staff are meeting weekly with the project team led by Guam DPW. The team includes the DPW Director, construction manager, architect, OAG, GSA Procurement, GEDA, and others having a role in the project. The RFP is now advertised for prospective developers to submit proposals. As the procurement process progresses, the GEB will be advised. So far, the project is on track.

Alternative for SSHS to leave JFK Double Session: Recent changes brought on by US Ed policy changes accessing federal reimbursable funds and the contractor's loss of his labor force are impacting the work schedule. New estimates from the contractor predict completion by December 2025 or sooner. For the remainder of the current school year, attendance will be status quo. Status for the 25-26 school year should be known by the end of April. RISE task force input is being considered. (Please see attached US Ed letter).

FBLG Middle School – Northern Construction states their loss of labor had disrupted the work schedule possibly delaying completion until December 2025. Change orders are pending funding that will allow the contractor to order materials that will affect the pace of work as well. If appeal efforts are not successful to restore ARP funds, GDOE will need to program up to \$10M in local funds to complete the project on time.

School Refurbishment Projects: Core Tech is currently working at 12 of the selected schools.. The planned change order will total approximately \$8.3M for additional work at all included schools. We plan to fund this change from local funds to be drawn against personnel costs from ARP obligated dollars. Delays in accessing these funds could result in work stoppage impacting on time completion. Active work sites are GW, AIJMS, OCPES, JQ San Miguel. ES, Benavente MS, and Finegayan ES. Once we have submitted and been reimbursed for expenditures to CoreTech, the pace of work can be better understood pending appeal to US Ed.

Status of FEMA Projects: I refer you to the supplemental document in your packet, GDOE-FEMA Typhoon Mawar Report. Several schools have received estimated awards, and several are awaiting determination by FEMA. The campuses already approved are being evaluated for work already completed and how it was funded to determine possible reimbursement. Remaining and FEMA approved repairs will be completed using local funds to be eligible. FEMA is also impacted by federal rule changes regarding reimbursements. Pay first with local funds and file for reimbursement. (See project summary sheet).

Auditor Pay Adjustment –

This determination has been formally appealed to the Department of Administration. We have no response to this appeal as of this date.

Mold Mitigation and Fence Repair -Contracts are being processed for procurement through GSA. Mold contract scope is being revised to survey all school sites, and is still under protest. Fence repair contract still at GSA for vendor selection.

Respectfully submitted,

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