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The Honorable Lou A. Leon Guerrero
Governor of Guam
Office of the Governor
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Subject: Simon Sanchez High School Funding

Hafa Adai Governor Leon Guerrero,

The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) was pleased to learn the U.S. Department of Interior, earlier this month, has approved $1.1 million in capital improvement grant funding towards the architecture and engineering design for the new Simon Sanchez High School (SSHS) project. The announcement will certainly help sustain forward movement on the project.

In December 2019, GDOE initiated (RFP 006-2020) Phase II soliciting Owner's Agent Engineer (OAE), architectural and engineering design (A&E) services under SSHS project funding, totaling $2.9M authorized, and authorized as continuing appropriations under PL 35-36:

PL. 34-117	5100C189919CT059230 GDOE GF – SSHS OAE/A&E SVCS …	$1,500,000
*PL 34-116	5100A199919CT0592290 SSHS PROCUREMENT.....	$904,000
PL 35-36	5100A209919CT059290 SSHS PROCUREMENT.....	$500,000

*NOTE: The $904K represents the balance of the $1M appropriated under PL 34-116.

With Phase II estimated at about $5M, GDOE will need your assistance in the timely access and release of local and federal funds identified to complete this phase of the project. Further, Bill 228-35 which is currently pending before the Guam Legislature, seeks to appropriate $2.9M from the unappropriated General Fund balance, as of the end of Fiscal Year 2019 to GDOE to ensure Phase II is adequately funded. GDOE is heartened both the legislative and executive of Guam branches have prioritized the SSHS project recognizing this is a safety concern for our northern community of students and families we all serve. We are grateful for all your efforts and trust in your concern over GDOE operations and its fiscal needs.

Senseramente,

JON J.P. FERNANDEZ

cc: Chairwoman and Members, Guam Education Board
Lieutenant Governor of Guam
Speaker, Thirty-Fifth Guam Legislature

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