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Date: Mon, May 18, 2026 at 9:50 AM

Subject: Thirty-Eighth Guam Legislature, Eighth Special Session

To: Speaker Frank Blas, Jr. <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov>Cc: Lieutenant Governor <lt.governor@guam.gov>

Hafa Adai Speaker,

On behalf of Governor Leon Guerrero, we respectfully submit the attached letter regarding the above-referenced subject matter.

Please respond to confirm receipt of this email and letter.


Thank you,

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Received, and thank you.



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Thirty-Eighth Guam Legislature, Eighth Special Session

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Hafa Adai,

Confirming receipt of your email and attachment.

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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Transmitted via email to speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov

May 18, 2026

THE HONORABLE FRANK F. BLAS, JR.
Speaker, *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
Guam Congress Building
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Hagatna, Guam 96910

RE: Thirty-Eighth Guam Legislature, Eighth Special Session

Hafa Adai Speaker Blas,

For far too long, the students, families, faculty, and community of Simon Sanchez High School (SSHS) have endured disruption and uncertainty while the construction of a permanent new campus remains stalled by repeated procurement protests and related delays. Today, SSHS students continue to operate under double-session arrangements with John F. Kennedy High School (JFKHS)—a temporary solution that has now persisted far beyond what was ever intended. Guam's students deserve the stability and educational environment that a permanent campus would provide.

The attached legislation, Bill No. 314-38 (COR) introduced last week by Acting Governor Joshua F. Tenorio, authorizes the Department of Public Works to proceed with the award and performance of the SSHS construction contract notwithstanding pending procurement protests or appeals, while preserving lawful protest rights and appropriate judicial remedies. The measure also establishes reporting requirements to ensure continued legislative oversight and transparency.

It is important to recognize that inaction carries significant consequences. If this measure is not enacted, the government may be forced to cancel the current procurement and restart the process entirely through a new solicitation and rebid. In practical terms, this would mean returning to the beginning after years of delays and procurement activity already endured by the students and families of SSHS. The choice before the Legislature is therefore a simple one: either act now to allow this long-delayed project to proceed, or risk starting over from zero with additional years of uncertainty, escalating costs, and continued disruption to Guam's students.

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To: Speaker Blas
From: Governor Leon Guerrero
Date: May 18, 2026
Re: Thirty-Eighth Guam Legislature, Eighth Special Session
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This is not without precedent. A prior Legislature enacted similar legislation in response to procurement delays affecting the reconstruction of JFKHS, recognizing that prolonged delay to a critical public school project was contrary to the public interest. The circumstances facing SSSHS today warrant that same sense of urgency and decisive action. The people of Guam have waited long enough. The students of SSSHS have waited long enough.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, under 48 U.S.C. § 1423h, I hereby call a special session of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* to commence at 9:00 a.m. on May 19, 2026, at the Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall in the Guam Congress Building, for the sole purpose of considering and voting upon the attached legislation. In accordance with 2 GCA § 1104, this session shall be designated as the "Thirty-Eighth Guam Legislature, Eighth Special Session."

Senseramente,



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

cc: The Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio, *Segundo Magalåhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam




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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 314-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

Committee on Rules 
by request of *I Ákto*
Maga'låhen Guåhan, the
Acting Governor of Guam, in
accordance with the Organic
Act of Guam.

AN ACT TO BUILD SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL NOW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings.

The construction of the new Simon Sanchez High School is a critical public infrastructure project necessary to provide a safe, stable, and adequate educational environment for Guam's students. Delays in the procurement and construction of the project have resulted in continued disruption to students and school operations and have prolonged reliance on temporary and interim arrangements.

Interim measures, including temporary facilities and operational adjustments, do not eliminate the disruption to students or the impacts of continued delay and cannot substitute for completion of a permanent facility. Students affected by the delayed construction have already experienced significant disruption to instruction, including periods of remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, and further delay will compound those impacts. Further delay in awarding and performing the contract during the pendency of any protest or appeal will extend these disruptions and increase the overall cost and timeline of the project.

1 The Legislature finds that it is necessary to authorize immediate award and
2 performance of the contract to protect the substantial interests of the Government of
3 Guam.

4 Nothing in this Act eliminates the authority of the courts to consider requests
5 for equitable relief consistent with established principles of law; however, such relief
6 must be considered in a manner that gives substantial weight to the Government's
7 interest in proceeding with critical public projects without undue delay.

8 **Section 2. Authorization to Proceed Notwithstanding Protest or Appeal.**

9 (a) Notwithstanding 5 GCA § 5425 or any other provision of law, the Department of
10 Public Works is authorized to proceed immediately with the award, execution, and
11 performance of the contract for the Simon Sanchez High School project. This
12 authorization applies during the pendency of any protest or appeal, including any
13 proceedings before the Office of Public Auditor or any court of competent
14 jurisdiction.

15 (b) Any protest or appeal related to the procurement of the Simon Sanchez High
16 School project may proceed in accordance with law. In considering any request for
17 injunctive or equitable relief, the court shall give substantial weight to the
18 Legislature's findings that delay in this project would harm the public interest.
19 Relief, if any, shall be limited to monetary damages or other non-disruptive remedies
20 and shall not invalidate or require cessation of contract performance once
21 commenced in good faith, absent a clear showing of fraud or bad faith, consistent
22 with the remedial framework set forth in 5 GCA § 5452.

23 **Section 3. Reporting.** Within thirty (30) days of contract award, and quarterly
24 thereafter until substantial completion, the Department of Public Works shall submit
25 a report to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* summarizing project status, expenditures,
26 schedule, and any material changes.

1 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act is held invalid, such
2 invalidity shall not affect other provisions which can be given effect without the
3 invalid provision.

4 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon
5 enactment.

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan
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