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Southern High School Resume Regular Schedule on Thursday, April 25, 2024

Tiyan, Guam – In response to the detection of a gas odor at Southern High School, swift action was taken to ensure the safety and well-being of all students and staff. The Guam Department of Education, in coordination with Principal Meno, made the decision to dismiss students at 9:00 am.

The swift response of the GFD team in addressing the gas odor issue exemplifies the critical importance of safety protocols in emergency situations. Upon arrival, the team conducted a thorough investigation, which led to the discovery of a faulty gas valve and a corroded pipe as the sources of the leak. The immediate action to turn off the valve averted potential hazards. **Furthermore, the GFD's comprehensive air monitoring procedures, which resulted in negative findings, ensured that the environment was safe for the building's occupants. Therefore, the Southern High School will resume regular schedule of classes on Thursday, April 25, 2024**

Additionally, the local LP gas supply company was consulted to perform a detailed assessment of the situation and repaired the gas valve. While the Department of Public Works was also involved in the inspection process, parents were notified to collect their children as a precautionary measure. The prompt and coordinated response by all involved parties underscores the commitment to student safety and the effective emergency protocols in place within the educational system.

Superintendent Dr. Erik Swanson expressed his profound gratitude towards the GFD and DPW for their prompt response and assistance. The swift action taken by Principal Meno in assessing the situation was crucial in ensuring the health and safety of all students, teachers, and school staff. He added, "This collaborative effort highlights the importance of readiness and the impact of quick thinking in critical situations, safeguarding the well-being of the school community. Such instances of teamwork and dedication are invaluable, demonstrating the commitment of our educators and public service departments to maintain a secure and supportive educational environment."

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NOTICE UPDATE

Southern High School
WILL RESUME REGULAR
SCHEDULE
THURSDAY,
APRIL 24, 2024