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### **Agueda I. Johnston Middle School Passed DPHSS Inspection**

**Tiyan, Guam** – The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) acknowledges the efforts of Agueda I. Johnston Middle School (AIJMS) in passing the comprehensive sanitation inspection conducted from May 6<sup>th</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup> by the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) with a grade of 38/C. While this grade indicates areas requiring attention, it also reflects the commitment of AIJMS to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for students and staff. The GDOE and AIJMS are dedicated to addressing the noted areas of concern and will collaborate closely to ensure all standards set forth by DPHSS are met. This proactive approach demonstrates a continuous commitment to excellence in school safety and public health.

Superintendent Dr. Erik Swanson, Ph.D. said in a statement, *“Passing the overall is commendable that the team's collective efforts have paid off. The successful outcome shows dedication and hard work of everyone involved. As attention now turns to addressing the items outlined in the report, it's clear that the same level of commitment and teamwork will be essential. With the team's proven track record, there's every confidence that these remaining challenges will be met with the same vigor and excellence. The gratitude for ongoing support and it's this spirit of collaboration will continue to drive progress.”*

Dr. Rebecca G. Perez, AIJMS Principal said *“Throughout SY23-24, the Agueda community (students, faculty, staff, administrative team, alumni and friends, government agencies and officials), along with PTO, Facilities and Maintenance, GDOE management team, division heads, board members, and cleaning contracts worked together collaboratively to ensure that we pass our DPHSS inspection. We would like to recognize and thank all the dedicated individuals that work to keep our communities safe and thriving. We have learned that seamless campus-community collaborations are critical in maintaining a safe and conducive learning environment, health and well-being for all. We will continue to work together to address our aging facility and make sure that our school campus continues to be a safe place for our students and teachers to come back to.”*

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