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### **Marcial A. Sablan Elementary School passed DPHSS Sanitation Inspection**

**Tiyan, Guam** – Marcial A. Sablan Elementary School (MASES) has successfully passed the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) sanitation inspection, a commendable achievement that reflects the school's commitment to maintaining a clean and safe learning environment for its students and staff. Achieving a grade of 33, which corresponds to a 'C' rating, indicates a satisfactory level of sanitation that meets the required standards. This accomplishment is particularly noteworthy considering the comprehensive nature of the inspection process, which took place over an extensive period from July 30 to August 7, 2024. The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) recognizes the efforts of all involved in upholding the health and safety protocols that are crucial for educational institutions.

Superintendent Dr. Erik Swanson, Ph.D., expressed commendation for the team's collective efforts in achieving a successful outcome, highlighting the dedication and hard work of all involved. He emphasized the importance of maintaining the same level of commitment and teamwork as the focus shifts to addressing the items outlined in the report. Dr. Swanson expressed confidence that the remaining challenges will be met with the same vigor and excellence, thanks to the team's proven track record. He also conveyed gratitude for the ongoing support and stressed that the spirit of collaboration will continue to be the driving force behind further progress.

Acting Principal, Neldie Pendon-Limtiaco, M. Ed. Said, “This summer the STARS stakeholders came together and made a significant impact in preparing the school to receive students for this upcoming school year. Our students are incredibly fortunate to have a community willing to volunteer their time and put in some hard work in order to meet their educational needs; with that said we would like to extend our appreciation to the School Readiness Task Force, Hagåt Mayor Kevin Susuico, Hagåt Vice Mayor Christopher Fejeran, and Hagåt Staff, Hagåt Fire Station Platoon B (Capt. Roy Siongco, Lt. Jarred Wells, FFII Jason Cruz, FFI Manz Santos, and FFI Aaron Okada), M. Lynn Diego & Family; Schuyler & Cathy Brantley and Agat Community Church, 36 th Wing Sister Village - Sister Squadron Representatives, Sean Aguon, Vince Aguon, Nikolas Cruz, Charlene Hadap, Camerin Baleto, Nathaniel Borja & Family, Jesse Leon Guerrero & Family, GDOE Haya Region Principals, Assistant Principals and Staff, Rueben Herrera & Family, Vincent Salas, Dennis Eber, and MASES’ Faculty & Staff Spouses, Children, Grandchildren, and Families.”

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