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Classes resume for most GDOE schools; Boil Water Notice Issued for Chalan Palauan, Dededo

GDOE, GCC Resume Classes
The Guam Department of Education is resuming face-to-face instruction for most of its 39 schools tomorrow, October 21. Five schools remain without power, and therefore cannot be reopened to students at this time. Schools without power will not hold classes but will offer learning packets and Grab-and-Go meal services.

The following GDOE schools will be open Wednesday with their regular bell schedules:

Elementary Schools:

1. Adacao Elementary School
2. Agana Heights Elementary School
3. Astumbo Elementary School
4. Baltazar P. Carbullido Elementary School
5. Capt. Henry B. Price Elementary School
6. C.L. Taitano Elementary School
7. Daniel L. Perez Elementary School
8. Finegayan Elementary School
9. Harry S. Truman Elementary School
10. Inalåhan Elementary School
11. Juan M. Guerrero Elementary School
12. Juan Q. San Miguel Elementary School
13. Liguan Elementary School
14. Manuel U. Lujan Elementary School
15. Ordot Chalan Pago Elementary School
16. Pedro C. Lujan Elementary School
17. Talofofo Elementary School
18. Tamuning Elementary School
19. Upi Elementary School
20. Wettengel Elementary School

Middle Schools:

1. Agueda i. Johnston Middle School
2. Astumbo Middle School
3. Francisco B. Leon Guerrero Middle School
4. Inalåhan Middle School
5. Jose L.G. Rios Middle School
6. Luis P. Untalan Middle School
7. Vicente S.A. Benavente Middle School

High Schools:

1. George Washington High School / Tiyan High School (double session at George Washington High School)
2. John F. Kennedy High School
3. Okkodo High School / Simon Sanchez High School (double session at Okkodo High School)
4. Southern High School

The following schools will not hold face-to-face classes on Wednesday, October 21. Instead, they will offer learning packets and Grab-and-Go meals from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Packets and meals will be available at the respective campuses unless otherwise noted below:

1. Machananao Elementary School (Packets and Grab & Go meal to be picked up at the Yigo Gym)
2. Marcial Sablan Elementary School
3. Maria Ulloa Elementary School (Packets are available from 8:30am – 2:30pm and Grab and Go meals to be picked up at the Lagu Youth Resource Center)
4. Merizo Martyrs Memorial School
5. Oceanview Middle School

Guam Community College classes will resume tomorrow, October 21, for post-secondary students.

Boil Water Notice Issued

The Guam Waterworks Authority is issuing a mandatory boil water notice (BWN) to customers located in Chalan Palauan, Dededo. Customers in Chalan Palauan, Dededo have experienced a sustained loss of water service for 48 hours. The BWN is effective upon the restoration of water service to Chalan Palauan, Dededo.

While customers in Chalan Palauan, Dededo are still without water service, GWA's issuance of the BWN for Chalan Palauan is a preventative, health-based decision which accounts for the length of time the area has experienced a sustained loss of water service and not the result of any laboratory confirmed presence of bacteria in the water. For Chalan Pauluan customers who have experienced a loss in water service for 48 hours or more, it is **MANDATORY** to boil your water and:

- DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST
- Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for three (3) minutes, and let it cool before using
- Boiled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes and food preparation until further notice
- Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water

The risk of bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source, if there is a loss of line pressure to less than 5psi, prolonged sustained loss of water service, or failure in the water treatment process.

Upon the restoration of water service in Chalan Palauan, GWA Utility Compliance Laboratory technicians will collect samples for bacterial analysis. As soon as the samples return negative results for total coliforms and E. coli, GWA will notify the public as to when boiling water is no longer required.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) Suicide & Crisis Lifeline remains operational 24/7. The community may call or text 988 or chat online at 988lifeline.org.

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