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Fagaitua High School New Building Dedication and Groundbreaking Ceremony”

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The Honorable Governor Lemanu Palepoi Sialega Mauga, First Lady Ella, with leaders and members of the community at the Groundbreaking Ceremony to kickoff construction for a new facility at Fagaitua High School.

On August 22nd, the American Samoa Department of Education held a joint ceremony at the Fagaitua High School campus, both a Dedication ceremony of the new Building recognized as “Building E,” and a Groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a new facility.

Governor Lemanu delivered his remarks during the ceremony sharing a Samoan Proverb: “*E le o le fale, a o le anoafale*. Paramount to the building is what’s inside the building, what will be taught, those who will occupy it, and how well you will preserve it for future generations. The funding of these new school buildings is from our working population, which includes our mothers and fathers, our sisters and brothers. I urge you students, faculty, staff, and leaders to see that our facilities will last beyond our years.”

The construction of Building E was contracted to FTK Corporation managed by Faamausili Mau Mau Jr. and Tui Faamausili. The total budget for E Building was contracted at \$850,500. During the ceremony, the Certificate of Occupancy was presented by Director Faleosina Voigt to Director Talauega Samasoni Asaeli.

Building E is a two-story building consisting of ten classrooms, a Band Room, additional counselors’ offices, accessible ramps and connecting walkways to the other buildings on campus. The English, Social Studies, and Samoan Departments will occupy the new building.

The Groundbreaking Ceremony followed immediately after. “May God bless the new construction,” remarked Governor Lemanu as he turned the first soil with First Lady Ella, Chief of Staff Loa Tuimavave Laupola, Reverend Ioane Peleti of CCCAS Fagaitua, Honorable Representative Luaitaua Gene Pan, Honorable Representative Lavea Fatulegae’e Mauga, DOE Director Talauega Asaeli, DPW Director Faleosina Voigt, FTK Construction Faamausili Mau Mau Jr., and Fagaitua High School Principal Suaese Pooch Taase.

“I wish to express my sincerest gratitude to the families who have donated their lands for these buildings to be erected. Thank you for investing in the future of American Samoa. I also like to recognize the Parent-Teachers Association, Principal Suaese Taase, Faculty and Staff of Fagaitua High School, Fagaitua Village Council, District Leaders, Director Talauega and the Department of Education, Director Faleosina and the Department of Public Works, and the students and families of Fagaitua High School for making today’s event possible,” stated Governor Lemanu.

Fagaitua High School held a luncheon in the campus Fale Samoa and presented traditional gifts.









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