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## RESTORING HISTORY AND PRIDE IN HUMÅTAK ON THE WAY Senators Pass Bill 172 To Renovate Historic F.O. Sanchez Elementary School

*Tamuning*, Guam – Tonight, the Guam Legislature passed Bill No. 172-36 (COR) sponsored by Senator Joe S. San Agustin, that provides an appropriation of \$3,500,000 to the Guam Preservation Trust to revitalize and renovate the historic F.Q Sanchez Elementary School in *Humåtak*.

"The new funding source we have identified will come from the 2021 Unappropriated General Fund balance. We've heard from the Fiscal team that the source identified in this bill will be adequate to ensure the historic building becomes home to the Humåtak's Mayor's Office, a recreational center, a Senior citizens center, charter school; and a shoppette to sell local products to residents and visitors'," stated Senator San Agustin.

According to Joe Quinata, Chief Program Officer of the Guam Preservation Trust, the historic F.Q Sanchez Elementary School is at the top of the priority list of historical structures to be preserved as its purpose will serve more people in the village of *Humåtak* and southern community. Senator San Agustin has been working with the Guam Preservation Trust and the Mayor of *Humåtak* for many years in search of viable funding for the historic school facility.

"We often talk about what we need to do to take care of our people and we often hear that the south is left behind. This bill puts our money where our mouth is. This bill restores what was once the pride and shining jewel of Humåtak while showing the residents that they are not left behind." stated Senator San Agustin in his closing remarks at session.

Bill No. 172-36 (LS) received 10 ayes, 2 nays and 3 excused.

For questions or comments, please contact the Office of Senator Joe S. San Agustin. Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

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