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SIFA Learning Academy CEO Issues Official Statement on School Updates and Facility Plans

Tumon, Guam – Today, the CEO of **SIFA Learning Academy Charter School** delivered an official statement addressing recent developments, clarifying misinformation, and outlining the school's next steps as it prepares for the 2025–2026 academic year.

The CEO began by expressing heartfelt gratitude to stakeholders, parents, students, community partners, the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council, and local leaders:

“We could not have made it through this chapter without your faith, your patience, and your belief in what SIFA stands for. From the bottom of my heart—thank you.”

Addressing recent media coverage, the CEO firmly stated that **SIFA is not in debt to its former landlord**, clarifying that:

- The first lawsuit was dismissed on March 14, 2025.
- The second lawsuit for Unlawful Detainer was dismissed on August 7, 2025, with no back rent, attorney's fees, or any financial obligation owed as a result of SIFA's voluntary move-out.

The CEO urged the community:

“Don't believe rumors.”

Regarding past staffing changes, the CEO noted that while confidentiality prevents sharing specific details, **changes were made to continue to uphold SIFA's standards of excellence we expect of all employees.**

Upcoming School Events

- **August 14, 2025** – Student Orientation at 8:00 a.m., Rihga Hotel
- **August 15, 2025** – First House Activity at Ypao Beach Park

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Facility Updates

SIFA has been operating in “Emergency Action Mode” to secure a new campus for its students. The school initially sought the Chief Brodie facility but has shifted focus due to land ownership issues. A new formal request has been submitted for the Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School facility, which is now pending the Attorney General’s review.

The CEO appealed:

“For the sake of the students, we humbly ask the Attorney General to please kindly look into the matter at the soonest his office is able to do so.”

Simultaneously, SIFA began **Stage One of the procurement process** on August 8, 2025, issuing a Request for Inquiry to identify available commercial spaces and potential campus sites, in full compliance with Guam procurement laws.

Academic Readiness & Technology Support

While awaiting a facility, SIFA faculty are engaged in professional development and curriculum preparation, aligned to Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Student assessments will begin August 15 to identify learning gaps and create individualized pathways.

The CEO confirmed that **SIFA is optimistic about opening on September 2, 2025**, with online classes provided temporarily to ensure no loss of instructional time. This will allow SIFA to meet or exceed the 180-day academic requirement.

Closing Remarks

“SIFA is—and will remain—the Home of the Manta Rays... a Community of Innovators... and a place where students dream bigger, think deeper, and rise higher. Our story is still being written—and the best chapters are just ahead. At SIFA we believe that Where We Go, WE GROW. And we are ready.”

About SIFA Learning Academy Charter School:

SIFA Learning Academy is a STEAM-focused charter middle school dedicated to fostering innovation, critical thinking, and academic excellence for students in Guam.