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MILILANI MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKS GROUND ON NEW CLASSROOM BUILDING

Mililani Middle is one of three schools remaining on a multi-track calendar. While this schedule allows schools to manage large student populations, it creates challenges for parents and faculty. It is especially difficult for families who have children in different grades because Mililani Middle is the only school in the complex that operates on a multitrack calendar.



Given the lack of adequate space on the current campus for a new building, it was proposed to use a portion of the Mililani Mauka Community Park. To gather community support, Senator Kidani and I presented the transition plan to both Neighborhood Boards No. 35 and No. 25 and held a community meeting at Mililani Middle School. It was concluded that the community supported the plan provided there is limited impact to the park. Furthermore, park users will also have weekend access to the school's existing parking lot and new parking lot.

The next step was to secure funds to build the 15-classroom building. Working together with our Senate and House colleagues, the Legislature approved **\$23 million** to plan, design, and construct a new classroom building on 1- acre of the Mililani Mauka Community Park. The Governor released all funding and the project is underway.

Thanks to the community's support, I am pleased to announce this project is finally breaking ground this spring and the classroom building is expected to be ready for students in the fall of 2021. I look forward to seeing this project completed to the benefit of future students and parents of our community when we transition to a single-track school year calendar. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office.



