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STATE SEN. DONOVAN DELA CRUZ

# Construction Begins Jan. 13 For New MMS Building



Mililani residents have patiently waited for Mililani Middle School to transition to a single track. I am happy to announce that the state Department of Education has issued a notice to proceed on the construction of a new classroom building so that the contractor can begin work Monday, Jan. 13.

We embarked on this project in 2014 with a simple site visit to the campus. Principal Elynn Chung invited DOE and elected officials to advo-

cate for your needs. As a result, state Sen. Michelle Kidani and I fought to put funds into the state budget for additional classrooms.

The three-story building will provide 15 classrooms (five per floor) and over 34,000 square feet of space, along with a new parking area and utilities.

It will be built on approximately 1 acre of land previously owned by the city's Department of Parks and Recreation, which was part of the adjacent Mililani Mauka Community Park. The new

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building will be ready for use by the 2022-23 school year at an approximate construction

cost of \$14 million.

Not only is the school getting a new building, but

there also will be additional dining areas on campus so that it can accommodate the student population.

This is a huge accomplishment by Mililani families, as you were the ones who advocated for this project. With your support, Sen. Kidani and I were successful in securing the funding.

I want to say mahalo to the

community for your support, and happy New Year!

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