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## “Grand Opening of the First Community and Student Learning Center.”

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On Friday, February 11th, the First Community and Student Learning Center (FCSLC) held its grand opening at the Pago Pago International Airport.

The FCSLC was funded under the Educational Stabilizing Funds (ESF I & II) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Airport Hanger has been remodeled to construct the Community Learning Center to serve as a preventive and mitigating control measure in case of a potential COVID-19 outbreak in the Territory.

The Community Learning Center contracted to PJ Corporation is also a place that will offer programs and services that benefit our community's educational and related health, social services, cultural and recreational needs. The purpose of this center is to serve as a safe and nurturing quarantine environment for students to participate in enriching activities during a school-wide pandemic spread, minimizing learning loss.

"American Samoa is starting to build up the capacity needed to continue meeting the demands of the ongoing pandemic. Our borders will open again, and American Samoa will be ready when they do. I commend the Federal partners for making this project a reality, from concept to completion. I want to recognize all of the local partners involved in completing this project and helping our island prepare for a possible cluster or surge."

The Community Learning Center will be used as a quarantine facility to accommodate passengers with comfortable settings during their quarantine periods, especially for families with young children spending extended isolation periods at the Department of Health's Alternate Care Facilities in Tafuna.

This facility is approximately 18,400 square feet of space with a total of 36 rooms, including a conference room, nurse station, laundry room, kitchen, and dining area. Vendors include PJ corporation, Nana's construction, APECS, H&H Inc, ASPA, and ASTCA.



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