



STATE OF HAWAII  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RECOGNIZING THE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE SUPPORT OF STAKEHOLDERS ON ACHIEVING THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT FLEXIBILITY MONITORING REPORT

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Department of Education has made significant progress as a result of systemic reforms to increase school supports and resources for principals and teachers, including narrowing the achievement gap by 12 percent over the past two years and the tremendous growth at the state's previous lowest performing schools; and

WHEREAS, the educational transformation and work in Hawaii's public schools has been referenced by the U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan as "a model for the rest of the country;" and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Department's Six Priority Strategies: Academic Review Teams, Hawaii Common Core, Comprehensive Student Support System/Response to Intervention, Educator Effectiveness System, Formative Instruction/Data Teams, and Induction and Mentoring have received national recognition for resulting in student success; and

WHEREAS, the Department's Complex Area System of Support has and continues to support implementation of each of the six priority strategies by providing resources closer to the point of implementation, the schools; and

WHEREAS, public school administrators, teachers, faculty, and staff have faced numerous challenges with courage and hard work in supporting Hawaii's students on their path to college and career readiness; and

WHEREAS, the Department has worked with principals to craft the new Strive HI accountability system that uses multiple measures of success to tailor school-specific recognition and supports; and

WHEREAS, stakeholders, community partnerships and foundations have invested in the reform initiatives to assist public schools in striving higher; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, by the State of Hawaii Board of Education, that this Board commends the work of the Department of Education, the educators, faculty and staff, and public school students and their parents and guardians for their achievements in educational reforms and progress;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board recognizes the supports provided by the many stakeholders – the Hawaii State Legislature, P-20, HSTA, HGEA, UPW, students, parents and guardians;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Hawaii Board of Education supports the continuation of the collective efforts of Department, educators, faculty, staff, public school students and their parents and guardians, and its stakeholders for the ongoing work towards improving student achievement.

This resolution was adopted by the Board at its March 17, 2015 General Business Meeting.

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Donald Horner, Board Chairperson