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TO: The Honorable Wesley Lo, Chairperson
Committee on Finance and Infrastructure
Board of Education

FROM:  Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on McKinley Complex Elementary Schools Consolidation Report

1. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the Board of Education direct me to hold a public hearing on the attached report on the possible consolidation of elementary public schools in the McKinley complex.

2. RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon approval of the Board.

3. RECOMMENDED COMPLIANCE DATE (if different from the effective date)

Upon approval by the Board.

4. DISCUSSION

a. Conditions leading to the recommendation

The Department has prepared a draft report on the possible consolidation of elementary schools in the McKinley complex. There are six such schools:

Kaahumanu	Lanakila
Kaiulani	Likelike
Kauluwela	Royal

- b. Chapter 8-38, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("Consolidation of Public Schools") provides that upon receiving the report, the Board shall review the report and direct the superintendent, who shall designate a department official as the hearing officer, to conduct a public hearing within sixty days of the board's receipt of the report to receive community input on the report. Said report shall be posted on the department's website and hard copies shall be made available for review at the affected school(s).

The superintendent shall notify members of the community of the public hearing by placing a notice in a newspaper of general or area circulation in the State and by such other means as the superintendent determines appropriate.

c. Previous action of the Board on the same or similar matter

The previous Board's Committee on Administrative Services recommended on November 8, 2010 to the Board that the Board direct the superintendent to hold a public hearing on a draft report on the possible consolidation of schools in the Waialua complex. The previous Board chair determined that Board action was not necessary, and directed the superintendent to hold the public hearing, which was held on December 16.

d. Other policies affected

None.

e. Arguments in support of the recommendation

The recommendation is in conformance with the procedures for the consolidation of public schools set forth in Chapter 8-38, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

f. Arguments against the recommendation

None.

g. Findings and conclusions of the Board

To be determined.

h. Other agencies or departments of the State of Hawaii involved in the action

None.

i. Possible reaction of the public, professional organizations, unions, DOE staff and/or others to the recommendations

While there will be reactions to the possible consolidation of schools, there should not be a reaction to the holding of a public hearing.

j. Educational implication

While there are educational implications of the consolidation of schools, there are no educational implications of holding of a public hearing.

k. Personnel implications

While there are personnel implications of the consolidation of schools, there are no personnel implications of the holding of a public hearing other than the time of personnel who will be involved in preparing for and participating in the public hearing.

l. Facilities implications

While there will be facilities implications of the consolidation of schools, there are no facilities implications of the holding of a public hearing other than the use of a school facility for the public hearing.

m. Financial implications

While there will be financial implications of the consolidation, there are no financial implications of holding a public hearing other than the cost of publishing a legal notice, printing and posting notices of the public hearing at the three schools, and staff time preparing for, conducting and attending, and reporting on the public hearing.

5. OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

KSM:RGM:ck

Attachment: Report on Possible Consolidation of Public Elementary Schools in the McKinley Complex

c: Ms. Ann Mahi, Acting Complex Area Superintendent
Office of School Facilities and Support Services