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TO: The Honorable Patricia Halagao
Chairperson, Committee on Student Activities

FROM: Kathryn S. Matayoshi
Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Committee Action on Board of Education Policy 103.6, School Food Services**

1. RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends adopting the amendments suggested by the Policy Audit Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) with the following revisions:

- (1) Deleting reference to "locally-produced;" and
- (2) Minor technical changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

The Department's recommended language is attached as Exhibit A.

2. RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE

Immediately

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

N/A

4. DISCUSSION

- a. Conditions leading to the recommendation

School Food Services Policy, currently Board Policy 6800, is being revised as part of the Board's policy audit. The Department reviewed amendments recommended by the PIG, the majority of which are in line with current practice. There was, however, concern from the Department's Facilities Branch about the explicit requirement using the term "locally-produced foods."

- b. Previous action of the Board on the same or similar matter.

On November 19, 2014, this policy was administratively referred to this committee.

- c. Other policies affected.

N/A

- d. Arguments in support of the recommendation.

The Department is recommending that the food services offered to students be characterized solely as "nutritious" rather than including the additional PIG recommendation of "locally-produced". The Office of School Facilities and Support Services finds the term "locally-produced" unclear since the production of foods, even breads, are made from scratch in their respective cafeterias. The Department does not use any "heat and serve" types of food for school lunch. It is unlikely that there is sufficient "locally-produced" food to meet such a demand.

Alternately, the reference of "locally-produced foods" may have been intended to refer to locally-grown produce. The Department's contracts for products encourages distributors to provide locally-grown produce. Currently, the Department uses around 30% locally-grown produce. The Department prefers locally-grown produce when available and cost effective.

However, the PIG-recommended language, emphasizing "locally-produced foods," may not be a feasible goal given the size of the Department's needs since DOE schools serve more than 100,000 meals every day.

- e. Arguments against the recommendation.

N/A

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

The Department is required to adhere to United States Department of Agriculture Dietary Guidelines for school breakfasts and lunches.

- g. Possible reaction of the public, professional organizations, unions, DOE staff and/or others to the recommendation.

The Department does not expect an unfavorable reaction to its recommendation.

- h. Educational implications

N/A

- i. Personnel implications

N/A

- j. Facilities implications

N/A

- k. Financial implications

There should be no financial implications to the Department's recommended amendments to this policy. However, should reference to "locally-produced foods" remain in the policy, the Department is likely to incur significantly increased costs related to sourcing and supplying such foods.

5. OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

KSM:TC:scn

Attachment: Exhibit A – Policy 103.6 School Food Services

- c: Office of Strategy, Innovation, and Performance
Office of School Facilities and Support Services

EXHIBIT A

POLICY 103.6 (former policy 6800)

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES [~~POLICY~~]

Every public school shall provide food services to students, with emphasis upon **nutritious** [~~, locally produced~~] foods that [~~contribute to meeting~~] **meet** the [~~student's~~] **students'** nutritional needs at a minimum charge. **Snacks provided by public schools shall also comply with federal nutritional standards and the** [~~Department's~~] **Department of Education's Health and Wellness guidelines.**

~~[The program shall be administered in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Standards of Practice of the Office of School Facilities and Support Services.]~~

Key

Bold: Edits made by the PIG

Italics: Edits made by the Department