

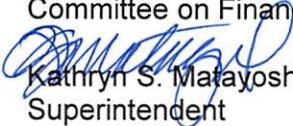


STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

April 14, 2016

TO: The Honorable Grant Y.M. Chun
Committee on Finance and Infrastructure

FROM: 
Kathryn S. Matayoshi
Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Committee Action on the renaming of Hale Kula Elementary School to honor Senator Daniel K. Inouye**

1. RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Board of Education approve the name "Daniel K. Inouye Elementary School" for the previously named Hale Kula Elementary School.

2. RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon approval.

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

Same as effective date.

4. DISCUSSION

a. Conditions leading to the recommendation

In 2010, the US Department of Defense (DoD) assessed the condition and capacity of 157 of the 160 public schools on military installations across throughout the nation. On July 19, 2011, US DoD approved a "Public Schools on Military Installations Priority List" (Priority List) that represents the DoD's prioritization of those public schools with the most serious capacity or facility condition deficiencies. Using this list, those Local Educational Agencies (LEA's) representing the schools with the most serious capacity and facility condition deficiencies will be invited to submit a request for funding. In September 2011, the DOD Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) invited the Hawaii State Department of Education school district to submit a proposal for funding for Hale Kula Elementary - identified as #9 on the Priority List. In February 2013 the proposal was approved, and the OEA awarded a 3-year grant for \$26.5M.

As Chair of the Senate Defense Appropriations Committee, the late US Senator Daniel Inouye established the initial funding for the "Public Schools on Military Installations Priority

Program” and it is honor to recommend to that Hale Kula Elementary, as the first school in Hawaii that was awarded this funding, be renamed in his honor.

Board Policy 301.8 “Naming of Schools and School Facilities” states:

The name of a school shall be recommended by the Superintendent of Education. The recommendation, with its supporting reasons, shall be submitted to the Board of Education for approval.

The name of a school shall be a unique identifier to promote and represent a school’s location or identity.

Pursuant to this policy, Principal Jan Iwase of Hale Kula Elementary School convened a committee of community and DOE representatives to recommend the new name for Hale Kula Elementary.

A copy of a letter from Jennifer Sabas, the Director of the Daniel K. Inouye Institute, supporting the re-naming of Hale Kula Elementary School to Daniel K. Inouye Elementary School as a tribute to the late Senator.

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

The Board has previously approved the naming of other schools, most recently: Ho`okele Elementary, Ewa Makai Middle School in Ewa and Pu`u Kukui Elementary School in Wailuku, Maui.

c. Other policies affected.

None.

d. Arguments in support of the recommendation

The recommendation honors Senator Inouye’s lasting service to both the State and its public schools throughout his life. The decision to rename Hale Kula Elementary School in his honor is particularly fitting given that it is located at Schofield Barracks, which was the home base for Senator Inouye’s combat unit in World War II, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Renaming the school is a fitting tribute to a distinguished public school graduate that will serve as a reminder to our community of Senator Inouye’s example of selfless service and commitment.

e. Arguments against the recommendation

Others may prefer a different name.

f. Findings and conclusions of the Board committee

To be determined.

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

None. Although other federal agencies have assisted in this effort:

- MG Charles Flynn, Commanding General, US Army Hawaii
- COL Richard Fromm, Commander, US Army Garrison Hawaii

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

It is believed that most people will be in favor of this recommendation.

i. Educational implication

Please see the attached recommendation from Principal Jan Iwase that explains the educational significance of the name.

j.

Personal implication

None.

k. Facilities implication

None.

l. Financial implication

None.

5. OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Attachments

- c: The Honorable Lance Mizumoto, Chairperson, BOE
Clyde Sonobe, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Information Technology Services
Dann Carlson, Assistant Superintendent, Office of School Facilities and Support Services
Heidi Armstrong, Complex Area Superintendent, Leeward
Jan Iwase, Principal, Hale Kula Elementary School
Erin Crowell, Administrative Services Assistant



DANIEL K. INOUE
INSTITUTE

April 13, 2016

Mr. Lance Mizumoto
Chairman
Board of Education
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Chairman Mizumoto and Members of the Board of Education:

On behalf of the Daniel K. Inouye Institute, I am pleased to convey our support for the renaming of Hale Kula Elementary School to the Daniel K. Inouye Elementary School. The family and the Institute would be honored with such an action taken by the Hawaii Department of Education.

There are numerous reasons why the selection of this school would be most fitting. As a proud graduate of Hawaii's public school system, Dan Inouye was a staunch advocate in Washington over the years, working to ensure that Hawaii got its fair share of federal resources.

Second, the school sits at Schofield Barracks which was the home of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team for which Senator Inouye volunteered during World War II. It was an all Japanese American army unit established by Executive Order. Senator was a proud army infantry soldier, and would enjoy returning to Schofield during his years as a United States Senator to watch the training exercises, exchange war stories with the soldiers, and remain connected with the Army leadership.

Third, Senator Inouye established the Joint Venture on Education Forum to provide a place for military and civilian leadership to gather to discuss issues around the education of military children in Hawaii. He saw it as a readiness issue -- as soldiers deploy to faraway and dangerous places, they needed to be reassured that their children were being well educated in safe and functional settings. He also believed most passionately that the education of military children needed to be integrated within the greater Hawaii community, and not segregated and isolated on base via the Department of Defense Education Agency (DODEA). We are one community, one ohana. There are those who have said that the JVEF experience helped shape the rationale for the establishment of DODEA's Partnership Grant program from which Hawaii has received \$9 million over the past four years.

The Daniel K. Inouye Institute is a program fund of the Hawai'i Community Foundation

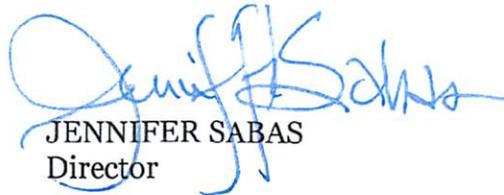
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Fourth, as Chair of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator Inouye helped to establish a funding line within the Department of Defense budget to support construction repairs to schools which predominantly served military children, and in particular, those on a military installation that were in need of serious repair. It was established as a 80-20 match program, with defense funding 80% and state/local funding the remaining 20%. It would be most fitting that the first school in Hawaii to have benefited from this funding source, would carry the Senator's name.

The renaming of Hale Kula to the Daniel K. Inouye Elementary School would be an excellent tribute to his proud service in the U.S. Army, as well as his commitment to an excellent and equitable school system for civilian and military students. I would like to think that he would be most pleased with this honor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,



JENNIFER SABAS
Director

POLICY 301.8

NAMING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES

The purpose of this policy is to provide consistency and uniformity in the naming of public schools and public school facilities. The name of a public school or public school facility should be an appropriate representation and reflection of the school or school-community.

A. Naming of Schools

The name of a school shall be recommended by the Superintendent of Education. The recommendation, with its supporting reasons, shall be submitted to the Board of Education for approval.

The name of a school shall be a unique identifier to promote and represent a school's location or identity.

A school named after a personage shall use the personage's formal title and full name as the official name of the school. Schools shall encourage the use of official names among their students and their communities.

B. Naming of School Facilities

Except for the naming of school facilities after benefactors, the name of a school facility shall be recommended by the school community council of each school. The recommendation, with its supporting reasons, shall be submitted to the complex area superintendent of the respective school for approval. The Board and Superintendent of Education shall be informed of the approved name.

The name of a school facility shall be a unique identifier to honor and acknowledge the exceptional service and significant contributions of a personage to the school, school-community, or public education, or to identify the facility in other ways that bear positive association for the school, school-community, or public education.

School facilities may be named to honor major benefactors whose significant contributions benefit the school, school-community, or public education; provided that naming of a school facility after a benefactor or benefactors shall be: (1) Recommended by the Superintendent of Education and submitted to the Board for approval; and (2) Consistent with the criteria and contribution guidelines specified in the regulations of

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the Department.

The Board may revoke the name of a school or school facility, if necessary.

The Department of Education shall adopt regulations to implement this policy. The regulations shall include criteria and contribution guidelines for the naming of school facilities after benefactors who have made significant contributions to benefit a school, school-community, or public education.

Approved: 01/71; Amended: 01/01/79; 11/17/05, 12/07



STATE OF HAWAII
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April 2016

Lance Mizumoto, Chairperson
Board of Education, State of Hawaii
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Aloha Chairperson Mizumoto,
Hale Kula Elementary School first opened in 1959, the same year that Hawaii became the 50th state. When Hawaii achieved statehood, Daniel K. Inouye was elected as its first member of the United States House of Representatives. In 1962, he was elected to the United States Senate where he served until his death in 2012. At that time, he was the President pro tempore of the Senate.

Senator Inouye was a veteran of World War II, a decorated member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and throughout his political career, he fiercely advocated for the military and education, and more specifically, for military children. He was instrumental in the creation of the Joint Venture Education Forum, a coalition of public school educators, military commands, government, community, and business leaders. He secured millions of dollars in funding to address concerns of military families, and Hale Kula was the beneficiary of thousands of dollars in JVEF funding for technology, textbooks, playground equipment, 3R's projects, and other school-wide initiatives. Today, JVEF continues to work collaboratively to support our military-impacted schools.

In 2011, the Office of Economic Adjustment performed a facilities assessment of 157 schools located on military bases across the United States. When assessment results were released, Hale Kula Elementary School on Schofield Barracks ranked #9 on the list based on our capacity and condition of the school. Through a collaborative effort between the Department of Education and the US Army Garrison Hawaii, the school submitted a proposal and received \$26.6 million in Congressional funding to address the deficiencies in the assessment. The State of Hawaii Legislature allocated the 20% match or \$6.6 million for the project to proceed. Senator Inouye who chaired the Senate Appropriations Committee at the time, was instrumental in ensuring that Congress would allocate the funds. The school is presently in the third phase of a 3-year project, and the transformation of Hale Kula Elementary School has been remarkable. Students now and in the future will have a 21st

century learning environment that makes exploration, discovery, collaboration, creation, and sharing possible, not just within the school but globally as well.

The Daniel K. Inouye Institute has approached the Department of Education and the leadership of Hale Kula Elementary School and requested that the school be renamed **Daniel K. Inouye Elementary School** to honor the late Senator. As a school on Schofield Barracks with an enrollment of 99% military-impacted students, we are supportive of this change. We are requesting that the Board of Education approve this request. We can think of no greater privilege than to rename our school after this American hero.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to email me at jan_iwase@notes.k12.hi.us or call me at (808) 305-3433. We gladly welcome visitors to our school.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Mahalo,



Jan Iwase
Principal

Hale Kula Elementary School