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Mr. Grant Chun, Chairperson  
Finance and Infrastructure Committee  
State of Hawai'i Board of Education  
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**RE: Agenda Item IV. D., May 17, 2016: Need and Potential Locations for a High School  
in East Kapolei**

Dear Chairperson Chun,

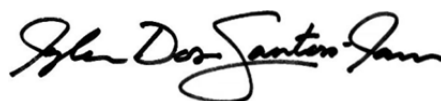
The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association, Local 630; International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local 1; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. Together, the member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.

Many of our members live in West Oahu, and their families are negatively impacted by the lack of school capacity at Campbell High School and Kapolei High School. We applaud the Department of Education's plans to seek funding for additional classroom buildings at Campbell High School and Kapolei High School in the next biennium budget, which would create capacity for an additional 700 students. In addition to creating capacity for students over the long term, construction of these buildings would provide quality jobs for our members at livable wages.

Even with the new buildings at Campbell and Kapolei, however, enrollment at these schools will continue to grow. Another high school will still be needed to address current and future growth in the area.

Therefore, we respectfully ask for your committee's continued support to identify a suitable location for a high school in East Kapolei. We also respectfully ask for committee's future support for funding for the design, planning, and construction of a high school in East Kapolei.

Mahalo,



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Dear Chairperson Chun,

I respectfully submit comments to you regarding Agenda Item IV. D. (Need and Potential Locations for a High School in East Kapolei), for the Finance and Infrastructure Committee meeting set for May 17, 2016. I am very glad that the Board of Education (BOE) has added this as an item for discussion.

We can all agree that the need is absolutely urgent to build a new high school that services Campbell and Kapolei area as soon as possible. As the newest member of the House Finance committee I had the opportunity to question Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi at a joint Finance and Ways and Means informational briefing at the State Capitol on January 7, 2016, about the Department of Education's (DOE) top priority when it comes to new high schools and she very clearly indicated that an East Kapolei High School is the DOE's top priority for a new high school. Naturally, deciding upon a site for this school should be the top priority of this top priority.

From a legislative perspective, a major hindrance in directing Capital Improvement Program funding to build this new high school is the absence of any decided-upon location. It is urgent that the BOE and DOE take immediate action to site this new school so that we can subsequently direct the funds necessary to build it. The legislature would be otherwise hard pressed to fund plans and construction for a project that has no determined location because we wouldn't even be able to engage in any real planning (much less construction) without it.

I look forward to working with the BOE and DOE to solve the crises capacity facing the communities on the Ewa Plain. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any question, concerns, or ideas about how I might be able to assist in expediting any aspect of this project.

Sincerely,

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