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TO: The Honorable Grant Chun
Chairperson, Finance and Infrastructure Committee

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SUBJECT: **Update on the Department of Education's Status on Need and Potential Locations for a High School in East Kapolei**

1. DESCRIPTION

Office of School Facilities and Support Services provides an update on the potential new high school in east Kapolei.

2. UPDATE

Due to ongoing growth in student enrollment in east Kapolei, the Department of Education (DOE) has been working to provide additional classroom capacity for this area. As part of this effort the DOE was asked to consider the construction of a new high school in east Kapolei. This is an update of the progress to date.

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c: Office of School Facilities and Support Services

To better understand the scope of increasing enrollments the DOE retained PBR Hawaii & Associates, Inc. (PBR) to study the need for a new high school and to provide an assessment of potential high school sites.

Over the last five years Campbell High School has grown an average of 82 students per year and is expected to continue to increase by 90-100 students per year, for the next five years. Kapolei High School had a peak enrollment of 2,341 in 2006, and a low of 2,024 in 2014, but is also predicted to grow during the next five years.

Enrollment projections for these two area schools:

	<u>SY 2015/16</u>	<u>SY 2020/21</u>
Campbell High School	3,049	3,545
Kapolei High School	2,038	2,373

In addition to these projections, proposed new housing projects in this area are expected to significantly increase enrollments. Current area-wide enrollment projections show that once all residential development is complete there would be needed capacity for as many as 3200-3300 high school students. This level of enrollment is contingent on progressing development and is expect to take many years to occur, but it is also expected to put continued pressure on existing school capacity. To address both near term and long term needs the DOE, with PBR, has identified current and potential high school sites.

As part of an Educational Fair Share Agreement, D.R. Horton has agreed to provide a 45-acre site for a new high school in their Ho'opili Development. The site is between the H-1 freeway and Farrington Highway. The physical site is currently available but needed infrastructure may not be in place for several years.

PBR study identified four additional high school sites, but each has its own challenges:

- Parcel on Fort Weaver Road – privately owned, would be difficult to acquire as land owner is not interested in selling.
- Parcel in Kalaeloa – currently federally owned, would require release of property to State Agency, then land transfer is expected to require extensive soil remediation.
- UH West Oahu (UHWO) – state owned, but current Master Plan does not support a high school site. DOE's current agreement with the University is for 12-acre elementary school site.
- Department of Land and Natural Resources parcels – state owned, but topography is not ideal and cost would be significant to cover an existing stream bed, which cuts through the site.

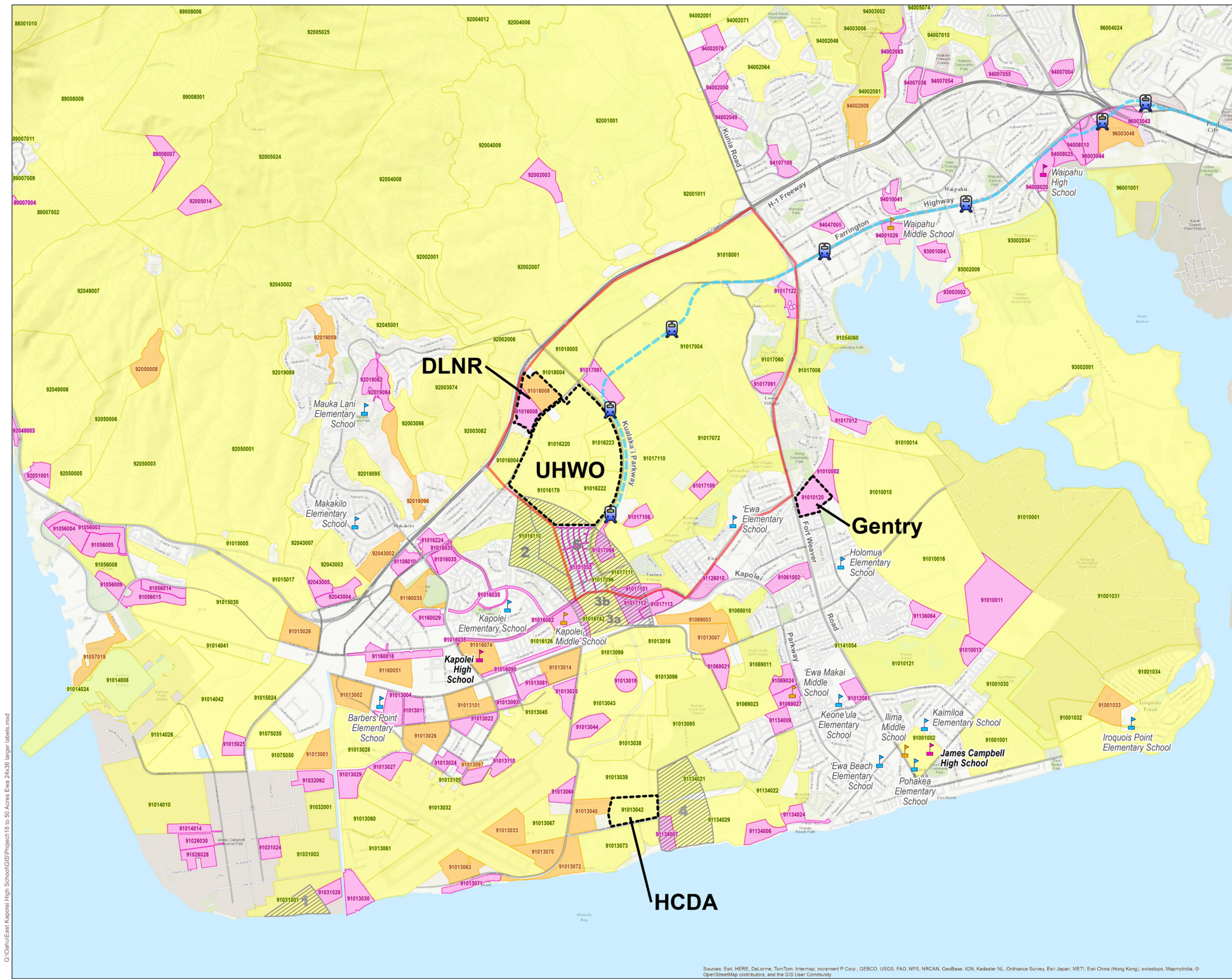
In considering the challenges of each site, and the current level of funding for new schools, the DOE has recently developed a near term plan that we believe will work to mitigate the continued increase in student enrollment in this area until a new high school can be built. This past legislative session the DOE and Governor requested \$35 million to construct a new multi-story classroom building at Campbell (20 General Classrooms, 5 Science Labs, 1 Culinary Arts Lab and 1 Hawaiian Studies Classroom). While only \$12 million was appropriated, the remaining funding will be requested in FY18, so the building can be occupied by SY 2019/20. Funding will also be requested for the design and construction of a new classroom building at Kapolei High School. These two projects will provide capacity for an additional 700+ students and allow us to focus on the best solution for a new high school for east Kapolei.

Future growth in east Kapolei is inevitable as UHWO, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Ho'opili continue to develop. The governor released \$5 million in January 2016 for the design of a new east Kapolei high school and while the site has yet to be determined, the professional services selection process is underway to contract with a design team prior to the lapse date of June 30, 2016.

The scope of the design team will include a study on the feasibility of building and operating a "mega" high school with a design enrollment of 3,200 on the Ho'opili site, along with studying the options for a vertical typology for high schools allowing the DOE the flexibility to consider smaller school sites for future Transit Oriented Development.

Depending on the timing of the final site selection for a new east Kapolei high school, the design of the school may need to be put on hold, but the Facilities Development Branch is committed to seeking funding for the classroom building projects at both Campbell High School and Kapolei High School in the next biennium budget.

EAST KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL SITE SELECTION

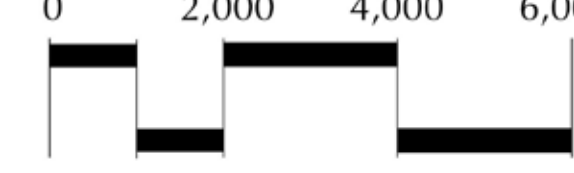


LEGEND

- East Kapolei
- Short-Listed Sites
- AICUZ Zones
- 50 acres and larger
- 40 acres to less than 50 acres
- 18 acres to less than 40 acres
- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
- Rail Transit Stations
- Rail Transit Alignment

18 to 50+ Acre Parcels in 'Ewa Plain
East Kapolei - New High School Planning

State of Hawai'i, Department of Education Island of O'ahu
North Linear Scale (feet)
0 2,000 4,000 6,000



*To be confirmed.

DATE: 3/2/2015

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