

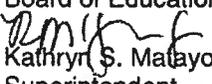


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TO: The Honorable Garrett Toguchi, Chairperson  
Board of Education

FROM:   
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SUBJECT: Possible Consolidation of Elementary Schools in Hawaii Kai

The Department of Education (DOE) held a public hearing on December 15, 2010 on a draft of a study of the possible consolidation of elementary schools in Hawaii Kai, pursuant to Chapter 8-38, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

One of the recommendations made at that public hearing was that DOE, instead of consolidating schools, adjust the attendance areas of the elementary schools in the Kaiser complex to better equalize the enrollment of the four schools – Aina Haina, Hahaione, Kamiloiki, and Koko Head.

Subsequent to the December 15 public hearing, school and complex area administrators in the Kaiser complex have been discussing the adjustment of attendance areas as an alternative to consolidation.

Adjusting the attendance areas to better equalize the enrollment would have these positive outcomes:

- The enrollment of all four schools would be above the threshold for a small school subsidy, thus reducing the overall operating cost to DOE.
- Two portable buildings currently needed at Aina Haina would not be required, saving approximately \$600,000 in one-time capital improvements.
- Depending on how the attendance areas are adjusted, student travel time may be reduced.
- There would be additional capacity at all four schools to accommodate the increased enrollment that school administrators in the Kaiser complex believe will occur as all four schools pursue participation in the International Baccalaureate program.

To fully consider the option of adjusting the attendance areas, we are deferring a recommendation on the possible consolidation of elementary schools in Hawaii Kai.

KSM:RGM:ck

c: Kaiser Complex Area Superintendent  
Principals of Kaiser complex schools  
Office of School Facilities and Support Services