



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
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Aloha,

The Department of Education held a public hearing on December 15, 2010 at Kaiser High School on the draft study of the possible consolidation of public schools in Hawaii. One of the suggestions made at that public hearing was to consider changing the attendance areas of the elementary schools, transferring some students from Aina Haina Elementary School to Koko Head Elementary School. The results would be Aina Haina's enrollment would better fit within its current facilities, and Koko Head's increased enrollment would reduce its fiscal strain and eliminate the small school subsidy needed to operate it.

The administrators in the Kaiser complex have discussed this extensively and agree it is appropriate to change the attendance area boundaries.

The proposed change would be to transfer Kuliouou from the Aina Haina attendance area to the Koko Head attendance area, effective with the beginning of School Year 2011-12. To ease this transition, DOE is considering the following:

- Students living in Kuliouou currently attending Aina Haina may be grandfathered at Aina Haina and will not be required to transfer to Koko Head;
- Students living in Kuliouou currently registered for SY 2011-12 at Aina Haina may be grandfathered at Aina Haina and will not be required to transfer to Koko Head;
- Students living in Kuliouou enrolling in kindergarten who register at Aina Haina by March 1, 2011 may be grandfathered at Aina Haina and will not be required to transfer to Koko Head;

Younger siblings, not yet enrolled in school, of students living in Kuliouou and attending Aina Haina may apply for a geographic exception to attend Aina Haina. Priority for geographic exceptions to Aina Haina are students living in the Aina Haina attendance area, siblings of students attending Aina Haina, students wishing to pursue a course of study at Aina Haina that is not available at their neighborhood school, and children of Aina Haina faculty and staff. If there are more priority applicants than there are spaces, priority applicants are selected by lottery.

The new boundary between Aina Haina and Koko Head will be the same as the current boundary between Kaiser and Kalani High Schools. A map showing the proposed change is on the reverse side of this sheet.

A community meeting will be held to provide an opportunity for questions, feedback, and input will be held at the Kaiser High School cafeteria at 6 p.m. on February 16, 2011. After the meeting, a final decision will be made by the complex area superintendent. Notice of the decision will be sent to parents via school newsletters, posted at the four elementary schools, and posted on the DOE website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Calvin Nomiyama".

Calvin Nomiyama  
Acting Complex Area Superintendent

# Kaiser Elementary School Service Areas

