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MEMO TO: The Honorable Garrett Toguchi, Chairperson
Board of Education

FROM: John R. Penebacker, Chairperson
Committee on Administrative Services

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION ON THE DIVISION OF THE
QUEEN LYDIA LILIUOKALANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE AREA BETWEEN KING LIHOLIHO ELEMENATRY
SCHOOL AND WAIALAE ELEMENTARY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
AFTER THE CLOSURE OF QUEEN LYDIA LILIUOKALANI
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Queen Lydia Liliuokalani Elementary School attendance area be divided between King Liholiho Elementary School and Waialae Elementary Public Charter School as shown in the attached map as stated in Attachment A.

2. RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date shall take place on June 30, 2011.

3. RECOMMENDED COMPLIANCE DATE

Not applicable.

4. DISCUSSION

a. Conditions leading to the recommendation

Department of Education Regulation 4150 (DOE regulation 4150) provides that the Board of Education approves any attendance area changes that are the result of school consolidation.

Based on DOE regulation 4150, Mr. Randy Moore, Assistant Superintendent, OSFSS, provided a recommendation on the attendance area changes that resulted in school consolidation via a memo dated January 31, 2011.

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

There has been no recent Board action on the division of a closed school's attendance area between two or more schools. When the Board approved the closure of Wailupe Valley Elementary School, the Wailupe Valley attendance area was incorporated into the Aina Haina Elementary School attendance area. When the Board approved the closure of Keanae School, the Keanae attendance area had already been incorporated into the Hana High and Elementary attendance area.

c. Other policies affected

None

d. Arguments in support of the recommendation

For transportation reasons, Maunalani Heights should be assigned to Waialae Elementary PCS. The Maunalani Heights City bus (route 14) stops at Liliuokalani School and stops again one block from Waialae Elementary PCS. Students living on Maunalani Heights who take the City bus to school would need to transfer or walk approximately one-half mile from the Route 14 bus stop nearest to Liholiho Elementary School if they were to attend Liholiho Elementary School.

For the remainder of the Liliuokalani Elementary School attendance area, the proposed dividing line between Liholiho Elementary School and Waialae Elementary PCS is approximately equidistant from the two schools. The H-1 freeway is a natural boundary.

Since Waialae is a charter school, if Maunalani Heights were included in the Liholiho Elementary School attendance area, students living on Maunalani Heights would be able to attend Waialae Elementary PCS without having to obtain a geographic exception.

e. Arguments against the recommendation

It has been argued that all of the Liliuokalani School attendance area could be assigned to Liholiho School attendance area without detriment to any of the Liliuokalani School students who would like to attend Waialae Elementary PCS. As a conversion charter school, Waialae Elementary PCS has a defined attendance area from which it must take all students. As a conversion charter, it may also accept students from outside its attendance area, and a geographic exception is not required. However, if all of the

Liliuokalani attendance area were assigned to Liholiho and there were more out-of-area students who wanted to attend Waiālae Elementary PCS, than the school could accommodate, some of the students living in the current Liliuokalani attendance area might not have high enough ranking in the resulting lottery to be able to be accommodated at Waiālae Elementary PCS.

f. Findings and conclusions of the Board Committee

On February 24, 2011, the Committee on Administrative Services (Committee) recommended to the full Board to approve the division of the Queen Lydia Liliuokalani Elementary School attendance area between King Liholiho Elementary School and Waiālae Elementary PCS after the closure of Queen Lydia Liliuokalani Elementary School.

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

None.

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

The reaction of school staff, parents, students and other entities concerned about closing Queen Lydia Liliuokalani Elementary School may not be favorable, however, because there is some remaining antipathy toward charter schools, there may be some who will argue that all of the Liliuokalani attendance area be assigned to King Liholiho Elementary School.

i. Educational implications

None.

j. Personnel implications

The attendance area decision may affect the relative staffing levels at Liholiho and Waiālae Schools, but it should not affect the combined staffing level of the two schools.

k. Facilities implications

None. Liholiho Elementary School and Waiālae Elementary School PCS will be able to accommodate the students who will be transferred from Liliuokalani Elementary School according to the recommended division of the Liliuokalani School attendance area.

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I. Financial implications

In the short term, until the overall appropriations between the Department and the charter schools are adjusted for these enrollment changes, the diversion of some Liliuokalani School students to Waialae Charter School will mean more funds per student for Department and less funds per student for the charter schools.

5. OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

Attachment

Map showing division of Liliuokalani Elementary School attendance area between Liholiho and Waialae Elementary Schools

