

Agenda Item IV.B, Reports on Board Community Meetings: i) August 3, 2016 Hawaii County Community Meeting; ii) August 8, 2016 Maui County Community Meeting; iii) August 22, 2016 City and County of Honolulu, Kailua Community Meeting; and iv) August 31, 2016 City and County of Honolulu, Manoa Community Meeting

General Business Meeting

September 6, 2016

The Board of Education (“Board”) held four community meetings in August with the primary purpose of discussing the current draft of the Department of Education (“Department”) and Board’s Joint Strategic Plan and gathering feedback from the community. Department employees staffed and assisted in facilitating each of these meetings.

The first community meeting held for this purpose occurred in Hawaii County on August 3, 2016 at Kanu o ka ‘Āina Learning ‘Ōhana’s Hālau Ho‘olako Building (located at 65-1043 Hiiaka Street, Waimea, Hawaii Island). The meeting was hosted by Board Members Patricia Bergin and Brian De Lima. There were approximately 72 attendees, which included Representative Cindy Evans, Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee Lei Ahu Isa, Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi, Department staff, teachers, administrators, political leaders, and community members. An article with pictures of the community meeting from Kanu o ka ‘Āina Learning New Century Public Charter School’s newsletter is attached as **Exhibit A**.

The second community meeting occurred in Maui County on August 8, 2016 at the Baldwin High School Library (located at 1650 W. Kaahumanu Avenue, Wailuku, Maui). The meeting was hosted by Board Member Grant Chun. There were approximately 30 attendees, which included Mayor Alan Arakawa, Department staff, teachers, administrators, political leaders, and community members.

The third community meeting occurred in the City and County of Honolulu on August 22, 2016 at the Kailua High School Library (located at 451 Ulumanu Drive, Kailua, Oahu). The meeting was hosted by Board Member Bruce Voss and attended by Board Chairperson Lance Mizumoto and Board Member Jim Williams. There were approximately 50 attendees, which included Representative Takashi Ohno, Kailua Neighborhood Board Member Scot Matayoshi, Department staff, teachers, administrators, and community members.

The fourth community meeting occurred in the City and County of Honolulu on August 31, 2016 at the Manoa Public Library (located at 2716 Woodlawn Drive, Honolulu, Oahu). The meeting was hosted by Board Member Kenneth Uemura and attended by Board Member Hubert Minn. There were approximately 35 attendees, which included Representative Takashi Ohno, Department staff, teachers, administrators, and community members.

Exhibit A

**Article from Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning New Century Public Charter School's newsletter about the
August 3, 2016 Board of Education Community Meeting**

WAIMEA/NORTH HAWAI'I BOE & DOE WORKING MEETING

Mahalo nui to Governing Board members, parents, and community members who joined KANU and KALO staff at the Board of Education (BOE) and Department of Education (DOE) meeting on Wednesday, August 3rd, 2016 here on our campus. A special mahalo to students and alumnae who helped with our school tour, and the opening and closing of the meeting. This special meeting was hosted by Hawai'i Island's newly appointed BOE member and our very own Aunty Pat Bergin with former Hawai'i Island BOE member, Brian DeLima and DOE Superintendent of Education, Katherine Matayoshi.



Information was shared about the new federal education law, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), formally known as the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) which replaced No Child Left Behind (NCLB). This change provides Hawai'i an opportunity to revise the state's Strategic Plan for public education to guide preparation of the state's ESSA plan for federal funding.

Meeting attendees were asked to participate in focus groups to provide feedback to the BOE's and DOE's joint Strategic Plan before it is finalized. The positive and collective energy in the room as charter school, Department of Education and Board of Education representatives and stakeholders discussed goals and strategies for reaching those goals was amazing! This was indeed an historical event to have all three stakeholder groups and a broad diversity of educators and parents that included Teach for America teachers all in one room. It was a definite first!

Hopefully, these collaborative opportunities to exchange ideas will benefit all parties, but most especially, Hawai'i's keiki throughout the state as we work to change the model of education as we know it into dynamic, innovative experiences that prepares them to live and work in the world of their future.

