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TO: Board of Education

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AGENDA ITEM: Board Member Report on events attended: **(1)** Parents for Public Schools Hawai'i annual meeting

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**Parents for Public Schools Hawai'i annual meeting**

I attended the "Improve Our Schools" annual meeting hosted by Parents for Public Schools Hawai'i ("Parents for Public Schools") on September 28, 2019. The event focused on sharing views, getting updated on current events, hearing about Parents for Public School's work and accomplishments during the past year, and determining next steps for the upcoming year. The event included a presentation on School Community Councils ("SCC") and information on how parents can get involved with SCCs and Parents for Public Schools. I was the keynote speaker at the event and presented the keynote address on the current state of public education in Hawai'i and the direction in which public education is moving. I also participated in a question and answer session after my address.

Parents for Public Schools is a non-profit organization of parents, educators, community leaders, policymakers, and other stakeholders in public education, which works to improve and support public education in Hawai'i by increasing family and community engagement. Parents for Public School's mission is to engage parents, students, and community members across the state in supporting enriched public education through effective communication between families, community, and schools; greater awareness of educational policies and practices; community involvement in education and decision making that promotes school support, improvement, and student achievement; and accurate media representation of public education.