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AGENDA ITEM: Committee Action on designation of Hawaii State Public Library
System Liaison

I. BACKGROUND

At its October 3, 2017 meeting, the Student Achievement Committee (“Committee”) adopted strategic priorities for the 2017-2018 school year. One of the strategic priorities adopted has to do with our public library system. Specifically that the Committee would:

1. Co-create a system that allows for an engaged and collaborative relationship between the Board, Department, and public libraries.
2. Partner with public libraries to identify strategic initiatives to support student and family learning and achievement.”

The State Librarian and I discussed options to start the co-creation process and build the partnership described. We have agreed that the first step is the identification of an individual that will serve as a liaison between the Board of Education (“Board”) and public libraries. The library liaison will serve in a communications and advisory role. For example, the State Librarian would brief the library liaison on items of importance to the library community. The library liaison would advise the State Librarian on the best way to communicate information to the Board and larger education community or suggest other plans of action. The library liaison serves as a facilitator that can bring the parties together and help identify ways for both to engage with each other and build a collaborative relationship.

II. RECOMMENDATION

Student Achievement Committee Chairperson Cox recommends that the Board appoint Committee Member Kili Namau’u as the Board’s liaison to the Hawaii State Public Library System to serve a one year term or until her successor is appointed.