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Dear Dr. Kishimoto:

I extend my heartfelt thanks to you and your staff at the Hawai'i Department of Education for your hard work and commitment in drafting Hawai'i's plan for implementation of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). I appreciate the timely and meaningful consultation and collaborative process used to develop this plan and that revisions were made to address my comments.

The Hawai'i Consolidated State Plan for ESSA is the culmination of an unprecedented focus on public education in Hawai'i. During the past 20 months, thousands of community members from across the state and a team of dedicated volunteers created the Hawai'i Blueprint for Public Education. In addition, the Department of Education and Board of Education conducted a community-outreach effort as they developed a joint Strategic Plan. Both documents contributed key elements to the consolidated plan.

We could not have reached this point without the dedicated leadership of Chairperson Lance Mizumoto, and I thank him for the time and energy he has devoted to empowering our schools and their communities. I also wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the members of the Board of Education and everyone involved in the creation and alignment of these important plans that will guide the transformation of public education in Hawai'i.

Ultimately, we must transform our school system and provide students with the global learner outcomes they need to be successful in an innovation-driven economy and society. I look forward to working in partnership with all stakeholders to implement the plan. Together, our schools and communities can create a culture of innovation and excellence in education that will make our vision a reality.

With warmest regards,

David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i