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Superintendent Search Process Remains Open and Transparent

HONOLULU – Today the Board of Education (Board) adopted a job description and characteristics for the Superintendent position to aid in the search for a new Superintendent. The Board released a survey to the public to get feedback from parents, students, teachers, administrators, community members, businesses, and other stakeholders on the most desired characteristics for a Superintendent.

Yesterday, Darrel Galera announced his resignation from the Board so that he can apply for the Superintendent position. Patricia Bergin, member of the committee conducting the Superintendent search, provided the following statement on behalf of the search committee in regards to Mr. Galera's announcement:

"In light of the recent events regarding the resignation of Board Member Darrel Galera and his expressed interest in applying for the Superintendent position, the Board's Search Committee wants to assure the public that the Board is going to continue conducting a search for candidates. The Board has not yet started collecting applications or evaluating candidates. While we are encouraged that a candidate like Mr. Galera, with his wealth of experience, would be interested in applying for the Superintendent position, we know that there are many qualified candidates out there, and we hope that they are encouraged to consider applying. Mr. Galera will have to go through the same screening process as all other applicants, and every applicant will be considered on an equal playing field.

This search process has been conducted with the intent of being sensitive to the desires of the public and needs of our students. The search committee is committed to continuing to move forward with an open and transparent process. Our keiki deserve no less. We encourage all interested individuals to apply and have directed the search firm to actively recruit for this position."

The advertisement for the Superintendent position is scheduled to be posted on Friday, March 10, 2017. Kathryn Matayoshi will remain the Superintendent until her contract expires on June 30, 2017.

For more information about the Superintendent search, please visit the Board's Superintendent Search page here: <http://boe.hawaii.gov/About/Pages/Superintendent-Search-2017.aspx>.