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AGENDA ITEM: Student Representative's Report: Update on selection of Student Representation for 2016-2017 School Year

On Friday, May 27, 2016, the Board of Education ("BOE") Student Member Selection Panel chose the new, 2016-2017 BOE Student Member, Andrea Lyn Mateo, replacing the current 2015-2016 BOE Student Member, Brennan Lee. The panel consisted of the following members from the Hawaii State Student Council ("HSSC") and the BOE:

- Lance Mizumoto, BOE Chairperson, At Large
- Brennan Lee, 2015-2016 BOE Student Member
- Mc Erl Dave Andres, HSSC Chairperson
- Zachary Espino, HSSC Vice Chairperson
- Tiffany Frias, HSSC Advisor

This year, six distinguished and well qualified high school students underwent the interview stage at the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support ("OCISS"), and were allotted 30 minutes to prove themselves fit for such a role. After a comprehensive review of the applicants' interviews and an extensive deliberation on their possible strengths and weaknesses, one public high school student was selected based on the alignment of multiple factors: provided answers, accolades, academic success, letters of recommendations, attitude and maturity—to name a few.

It was a challenge to select one student representative from Hawaii's 180,000 public school students; the strong pool of applicants were all distinguished in their own unique way, bringing forth an array of positive attributes that would enable them to be uniquely successful. The fact is that more than one candidate appeared capable of fulfilling this prestigious position. However, one interviewee was selected above all others and that applicant is Waipahu High School senior Andrea Lyn Mateo.

There is no doubt: she will be an amazing member of the BOE. Her accolades are remarkable, her personality is likable, and her drive and determination is notable. On

behalf of the HSSC and the 2016-2017 selection panel, we humbly ask that Andrea Lyn Mateo be accepted as the BOE Student Member for the 2016-2017 fiscal school year.