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Chairperson Voss and members of the Board of Education:

I, Dexter Kubota am submitting full support of the appointment of Mr. Curt Otaguro as the new Deputy Superintendent of Operations for the Dept of Education.

I have known Mr. Otaguro over the years in school as well thru our working years, at First Hawaiian Bank and most recently as the Comptroller and Director for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). Most importantly, Mr. Otaguro is a person of excellent character and integrity with a moral compass toward making our home and community a better place. He has and continues to serve on multiple non-profit boards to share his time and experience for our community. Secondly, as a consulting engineer, I have worked with Mr. Otaguro very closely over the past 3+ years while at DAGS and have personally experienced his influence in a Department that was really struggling prior to his appointment. He has effected a positive cultural shift of the department by developing a vision, empowering and supporting his people in their respective roles resulting in more successful projects than in previous years. Having worked with many government agencies, this is not an easy task.

I am very confident that Mr. Otaguro will use his management and people skills to assess and develop improved efficiencies for the Department of Education to move forward faster and effectively. We all recognize the challenges of the Department and hope that you all find Mr. Otaguro the right person to see the challenges as opportunities for our children, parents and the future of Hawaii.

I thank you for this consideration of my support of Mr. Otaguro as Deputy Superintendent of Operations.

Mahalo

Dexter Kubota, P.E.

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