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C. Board Action on Human Resources Committee recommendations concerning appointment of deputy superintendent

Approve: Heidi Armstrong is fully equipped to fill the position as Deputy Superintendent. She has a robust communication style that may help repair the distance that the public has felt towards the Department for several years and exacerbated by the pandemic. With the knowledge of the Department and the ability to reflect on its past history, she has the aptitude to advise the Superintendent on issues that are being reflected by the school community. As his advisor, Mr. Armstrong needs to honestly and openly communicate with him as well as her constituents. This means addressing the hard issues and discussing the real problems.

Our superintendent needs to surround himself with a leadership team that can support him and provide a clear, honest account of the whole system; complexes, schools, complex superintendents, principals, vice principals, teachers, the whole school community. But her first obligation is to the students of Hawaii public schools. Yes, I expect that Ms. Armstrong can do all of this.

Keeping that in mind. Ms. Armstrong, and choreographing the music to support the system will bring the continual improvement that our schools need for a fresh start and bright future.