



August 10, 2023  
Student Achievement Committee

Dear Chair Arakaki and Members of the Committee,

**Update on Strategic Plan, Desired Outcome 1.2.2, “All students demonstrate positive behaviors at school”**

We are pleased to see that positive behaviors are being examined at our schools. Like DOE, we are concerned about the fact that grades 6 through 12 student survey results indicate there is a need for improvement in all strands. What is the DOE’s plan for improvement?

**Update on Strategic Plan, Desired Outcome 1.2.3, “All students experience a Nā Hopena A’o environment for learning”**

We are thrilled that HĀ training and monitoring is occurring throughout the DOE system. We would like to see the plan to increase awareness and understanding of HĀ for teachers, students, and families. We hear about it from DOE administrators and non-profit leaders but do not hear about it in practice from teachers, students, or families. We think that a district wide project/campaign could grow awareness while helping with mental health challenges and bullying. Please let us know how we can help support in this effort.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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HE'E Coalition Members and Participants

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Alliance for Place Based Learning

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\*Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists

Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars

\*Hawai'i Children's Action Network

Hawai'i Education Association

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