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Subject: Testimony

Aloha my name is Lei and I'm a concerned Kaiapuni parent. I do not feel it is safe for our keiki to return back to our Lahaina campuses. I feel if the wind shall blow makai to mauka it will stir up all kinds of toxic which our keiki will be inhaling! Please help us make our dreams come true of having our own Kaiapuni campus outside of Lahaina! I OPPOSE the return to Lahaina campus! Mahalo for your time! A Hui Hou
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Special meeting

October 4, 2023

Testimony: Susan Pcola-Davis

II. Report of the Superintendent

- Maui Wildfire Impacts

On September 28, 2023 the House Schools Working Group and the DOE held a Joint Informational Meeting at Harvest at Kumulani Chapel in Lahaiana, Maui.

Community Feedback:

Evacuation Plans for the three schools returning to in-person

- The school websites that have Plans, do not have them where they are easy to find. No hard copies provided to families. They must have a computer, internet, Wi-Fi, and a printer.
- No plan on where parents would pick up their children if there was an evacuation
- These three schools get out at the same time and cause a very dangerous traffic jam

Safe School Environment:

- The air, water, and soil test results are not posted for families
- As the re-entry process begins, what is the plan is the monitors are trending with safety issues on air quality. How is the school notified.
- A Maui County Emergency Evacuation plan has not been shared since the disaster.

Communication:

- These examples of communication problems still exist: no internet, no phone, no computer, no Wi-Fi, not all families are in stable housing.
- The Department is not listening to them
- Stop assuming that ALL families have communication capability. Some phones were burned

Showing Up/Optics:

- Thanked for coming to Lahaina
- Did not like Superintendent leaving in the middle of the meeting
- Board of Education not present or represented

Re-opening schools Evacuation Plan

1. Lahaina Intermediate School: **No evacuation plan that I could find on their website.**
2. Princess Nāhi`ena`ena Elementary School

Student/Parent Handbook

School Year 2022-23 **(Should be 2023-2024)**

Emergency School Closure (Pg. 14)

In an emergency situation and with the advice/assistance of the Maui Police or Fire Departments, students of Princess Nāhi`ena`ena Elementary School will be escorted/evacuated to one of several safe, alternative sites. Parents will be informed via communication systems such as telephone, radio, or television, of the selected location.

3. Lahainaluna High School

Student Handbook

2022-2023 **(Should be 2023-2024)** (Pg. 33)

Emergency Procedures Fire and other emergency drills are held on a periodic basis to teach students the safest, quickest route from the school buildings. The following table shows where to pick up students. Neglects a backup plan if that location is compromised.

All students, volunteers, and guests are asked to follow these emergency procedures during any drill:

- Exit quietly in a single-file line.
- Refrain from talking.
- Proceed to assigned area where attendance will be taken.
- Remain quiet and listen for further directions.
- Return to class with your teacher when the “all clear” is sounded.
- Know the emergency exit route from each room in which the student has a class. **The teacher will have the route posted.**

Lahainaluna High School

have the route posted.

Lahainaluna High School prepares students for emergencies, such as fire, bomb threats, tsunami, and campus disturbances/threats through ongoing instruction and drill.

Type of Drill	Protocol	Where to find your Child
Off-Campus Evacuation	<p>Students will evacuate campus in an orderly fashion, with assistance from school personnel, to the designated site, Lahaina Intermediate, located below LHS off Lahainaluna Road.</p> <p>The secondary site is the Princess Nahienaena Elementary School.</p> <p>If the determination is made that students cannot return to campus, the school will issue an announcement with instructions to parents regarding student pick-up. The school will arrange the rerouting of the buses to the evacuation site. Students will be supervised by school personnel until they have been picked up by bus or parent/guardian.</p>	<p>LIS Intermediate</p> <p>Princess Nahienaena</p>
Lock Down	The procedures are used in situations involving dangerous intruders or disturbances on campus that may result in harm to persons on campus.	Lahainaluna
Fire	In the event of a fire, the entire school will move to a safe location. All students, staff, and visitors will proceed to the designated safe zone. Stay upwind from smoke and fumes.	LIS or Lahainaluna Stadium
Shelter in Place	Sheltering provides refuge for students, staff, and visitors during an emergency where hazardous materials may be released in the air.	Lahainaluna
Bomb Threat	Students, staff, and visitors shelter in place during a bomb threat, unless advised to evacuate the campus. Then, the Off-Campus Evacuation procedures apply.	LIS
Tsunami	If a Tsunami Warning is issued before school our school will remain closed. Do not bring students to school. If a warning is issued after school is in session, students will remain in school until an "All Clear" is announced by Maui County Emergency Alert.	Lahainaluna



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Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 12:03 PM

My name is Haley van Weemen Van Noord and I am a teacher at Lahaina Intermediate School testifying as an individual.

I'm concerned about the safety of our staff and students returning to campuses at the top of Lahainaluna Road.

While our superintendent seems confident with HIS plan, questions from the community are going unanswered.

Why has there been no effort to cut a firebreak around the campuses? In 2018 the brush fires reached the edges of campuses and even burned the football field. Since then the brush has grown and no attempt to cut a break around and buildings has been made.

What will we do should devastation like the August 8th fires start again? There is no way for the top of Lahainaluna road to be evacuated efficiently and no alternate route should Lahainaluna be blocked.

Please get out in the community you are representing as this board and see what the needs are. At the very least join any of the multiple community Facebook groups to help address families concerns.