



December 7, 2023  
Student Achievement Committee Meeting

Dear Chair Arakaki Members of the Committee,

**Review of Strategic Plan Desired Outcome 1.1.1: All entering kindergarten students are assessed for social, emotional, and academic readiness and provided necessary and timely support to develop foundational skills for learning.**

We have some comments and questions regarding the December 7, 2023, DOE memo.

1. We would like to see a breakdown of Metric #1, (# of students assessed with the adopted KEA) and Metric #2 (# of students Emerging, Approaching, and Demonstrating Readiness) by subgroups (Economically Disadvantaged, English Learner, Special Education students, and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students).
2. What constitutes Demonstrating and Approaching in the two big focus areas, Literacy and Mathematics?
3. How much time does the KEA take from kindergarten students and teachers to administer? This is an important positive process, but only if it does not remove too much time from instruction.
4. How are parents informed about the process and how their children fare? What action items are shared with parents regarding the results of the KEA?
5. If we can develop a Kaiapuni KEA locally— why not develop a version for all to replace the JHU expensive KEA ?

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
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HE'E Coalition Director

## HE'E Coalition Members and Participants

Academy 21  
Alliance for Place Based Learning  
American Civil Liberties Union  
Atherton YMCA  
Education Institute of Hawai'i  
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Fresh Leadership LLC  
Girl Scouts Hawai'i  
\*HawaiiKidsCAN  
\*Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance  
\*Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice  
\*Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists  
Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars  
\*Hawai'i Children's Action Network  
Hawai'i Education Association  
Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition  
\* Hawai'i State PTSA  
Hawai'i State Student Council  
Hawai'i State Teachers Association  
Head Start Collaboration Office  
It's All About Kids  
\*INPEACE  
Joint Venture Education Forum  
Junior Achievement of Hawaii  
Kamehameha Schools  
Kanu Hawai'i  
Kaua'i Ho'okele Council  
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Kupu A'e  
\*Leaders for the Next Generation  
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McREL's Pacific Center for Changing the Odds  
Native Hawaiian Education Council  
Our Public School  
\*Pacific Resources for Education and Learning  
\*Parents and Children Together  
\*Parents for Public Schools Hawai'i  
Special Education Provider Alliance  
\*Teach for America  
The Learning Coalition  
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University of Hawai'i College of Education  
\* Youth Service Hawai'i

*Voting Members (\*) Voting member organizations vote on action items while individual and non-voting participants may collaborate on all efforts within the coalition.*