




STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

January 16, 2020

TO: The Honorable Catherine Payne
Chairperson, Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto 
Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Board Action on Renaming the School Currently known as East Kapolei Middle School to Honouliuli Middle School**

1. RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Board of Education (Board) approve the name "Honouliuli Middle School" for the previously named East Kapolei Middle School.

2. RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon approval.

3. RECOMMENDED COMPLIANCE DATE

Same as effective date.

4. DISCUSSION

a. Conditions leading to the recommendation:

Board Policy 301-8 "Naming of School and School Facilities" states:

The name of a school shall be recommended by the Superintendent of Education. The recommendation, with its supporting reasons, shall be submitted to the Board of Education for approval.

The name of a school shall be a unique identifier to promote and represent a school's location or identity.

- b. Previous action of the Board and Committee(s) on the same or similar matter:

The Board has previously approved the naming of other schools: Daniel K. Inouye Elementary, Ho'okele Elementary, and Ewa Makai Middle School.

- c. Other policies affected:

None

- d. Arguments in support of the recommendation:

The recommendation honors the work and recommendation of the committee appointed to recommend the name for the school, as well as the recommendation of the complex area superintendent.

- e. Arguments against the recommendation:

Others may prefer a different name.

- f. Other agencies or departments of the State of Hawaii involved in the action:

None

- g. Possible reaction of the public, professional organizations, unions, DOE staff and/or others to the recommendations:

It is believed that others would be in favor of this recommendation, considering the additional steps taken to engage the input of a group of 5th graders and a group of teachers, and their agreement with the proposed school name.

- h. Educational implication:

None

- i. Personnel implications:

None

- j. Facilities implications:

None

- k. Financial implications:

None

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5. OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS

None

Thank you for your consideration.

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- c. Phyllis Unebasami, Deputy Superintendent
Brook Conner, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Information Technology Services
Christine Shaw, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Office of Facilities and Operations
Sean Tajima, Complex Area Superintendent, Campbell-Kapolei
Todd Fujimori, Principal, East Kapolei Middle School

Attachment

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – LEEWARD DISTRICT
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KAPOLEI, HAWAII 96707

November 8, 2019

TO: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent
FROM: Sean S. Tajima, Complex Area Superintendent
Campbell-Kapolei
RE: Request for Approval of East Kapolei Middle School Name

I respectfully request your review and approval of the proposed school name "Honouliuli" for East Kapolei Middle School.

On September 11, 2019 and October 2, 2019, Principal Todd Fujimori of East Kapolei Middle School convened a committee consisting of community and DOE representatives. The committee members were:

- Shade Kane, Kapolei Historian
- Shirley Swinney, Kapolei Homestead/Community Advocate
- Mikiala Kanekoa, Hawaiian Language Specialist
- Charmaine Hauanio-Kuewa, Kroc Center
- Lee Tokuhara, DR Horton
- Robyn Titcomb, DR Horton
- Mark Ayers, Ferraro Choi Architect for East Kapolei Middle
- Erin Crowell, DOE
- Michelle Suzuki, DOE
- Julie Otsu, DOE

A total of three possible names were proposed through the committee's discussion. The names were East Kapolei Middle School, Honouliuli Middle School, and Ho'oulu Middle School.

These names were also shared with a group of grade 5 students from Makakilo Elementary on October 18, 2019. It was also shared with a group of teachers who have shown interest in being a part of the staff at the school on November 2, 2019. These groups were given the opportunity to provide their thoughts and preferences.

Honouliuli was unanimously favored by committee members, future students, and possible teachers for a number of reasons. They are:

1. Honouliuli means "deep bay". Mikiala Kanekoa shared that this would be very fitting for the school as we want to take our students' knowledge and values to a deep level of understanding and application.

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2. Honouliuli is the place-based name of the ahupua'a that the school is located in. This ahupua'a covers the area from Ewa Beach to Kahe Point.
3. The school address is 91-559 Maunakapu St., Ewa Beach, 96706. The committee felt that the name East Kapolei would be confusing as it is included in the Ewa Beach Zip Code. Also, the Honouliuli ahupua'a covers both areas.
4. The life values of ohana, community, love, and respect were perpetuated in this ahupua'a. All values that will be nurtured at Honouliuli Middle School.
5. The proposed name Ho'oulu means "to inspire" or "to grow". This name came up as a result in talking about our purpose at the school. Through discussion, the committee felt that the life purpose of the ahupua'a was inclusive of Ho'oulu.
6. The name Honouliuli will be easily pronounced by students and community members.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Approved for Submission to the BOE Disapproved



Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto
Superintendent

November 15, 2019
Date

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c: Todd Fujimori, Principal, East Kapolei Middle School