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TO: The Honorable Warren Haruki
Chairperson, Board of Education

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SUBJECT: Report of the Superintendent: (A) Update on Maui Wildfire Impacts; (B) Update on Supplemental Operating and Capital Improvement Project Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and (C) Awards and Recognitions for Students, Employees, and/or Schools

UPDATE

The attached presentation highlights key milestones and achievements for the Hawaii State Department of Education (Department): update on Maui wildfire impacts, update on supplemental operating and capital improvement project budget requests for fiscal year 2024-2025, and recent awards and recognitions for Department students and employees.

This is the 10th standing report on Maui wildfires updates to the Board of Education and is the final standing report on Maui wildfires. King Kamehameha III Elementary School's temporary site at Pulelehua will open for students on April 1, 2024 for students. Opening of the new site is a major milestone in recovery from the Maui wildfires. There continues to be long term effects from the disaster and uncertainty about the future of Lahaina for the community, state and schools. The Department will continue to provide support for our students, employees and families.

During the report on Maui wildfires, Christina Chapoton, Response and Recovery Coordinator in the Disaster Recovery Unit for the U.S. Department of Education will provide a summary of the Secondary Education Response to Violence grant recently awarded to support Maui recovery.

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The Department continues to discuss strategic priorities in Board Committees. For example, the recent Finance and Infrastructure Committee meetings have addressed concerns like operable fire alarms in schools and status of Capital Improvement Projects. Recent Board meetings have addressed recruitment strategies and positions filled for the 2023-24 school year (in Human Resources) and academic achievement targets (in Student Achievement).

In addition, the Department continues to provide regular updates to communicate about our public schools:

- Ho'oha'aeo: weekly newsletter with Department highlights (38,000 subscribers);
- HIDOE Huddle: monthly newsletter with staff announcements;
- HawaiiPublicSchools.org: public website (over 6,000 users daily); and
- Social media: Facebook, Instagram, X, Linked In (over 63,000 followers).

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