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AGENDA ITEM: Board Student Representative Report on: Update on Selection of
Board Student Representative for 2017- 2018 School Year

On Friday, May 26, 2017 the Board of Education (“BOE”) Student Member Selection Panel chose the new, 2017-2018 BOE Student Member, Maya Gee, replacing the current 2016-2017 BOE Student Member, Andrea Lyn Mateo. The panel consisted of the following members from the Hawaii State Student Council (“HSSC”) and the BOE:

- Lance Mizumoto, BOE Chairperson, At Large
- Andrea Lyn Mateo, 2016-2017 BOE Student Member
- Jessica Valdez, HSSC Chairperson
- Victoria Kaahaaina, HSSC Secretary
- Tiffany Frias, HSSC Advisor

This year, five distinguished high school students underwent the interview portion of the selection process at the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support (“OCISS”), and were given 30 minutes to prove themselves suitable for such a role. After a detailed review of the applicants’ interviews and an extensive deliberation on their strengths and weaknesses, one public high school student was chosen based on the alignment of multiple factors: provided answers, accolades, academic success, letters of recommendations, attitude and maturity—to name a few.



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It was a challenge to select one student representative from Hawaii's 190,000 public school students; the strong pool of applicants were all distinguished in their own special way, with an array of positive attributes that would enable them to be uniquely successful. The fact is that more than one candidate appeared capable of fulfilling this honorable position. However, one interviewee was selected above all others and that applicant is Kealakehe High School incoming senior Maya Gee.

There is no doubt: she will be an amazing member of the BOE. Her accolades are remarkable, her personality is admirable, and her drive and determination is inspiring. On behalf of the HSSC and the 2016-2017 selection panel, we humbly ask that Maya Gee be accepted as the BOE Student Member for the 2017-2018 fiscal school year.

Board Student Representative Report on:

- #fi Board Student Representative for 2017-2018 School Year
- \$fi May 6th, 2017 Hawaii State Student Council Meeting
- %fi Student Leadership Conference 2017

Board Student Representative for 2017-2018 School Year

Overview:

- Applications were due on May 12th
- Interviews were held on May 27th
- Total of five highly qualified applicants across the state:
 - Baldwin High School
 - Kaiser High School
 - Kealakehe High School
 - Mililani High School
 - Waipahu High School





Maya Gee
Kealakehe High School

Hawai'i State Student Council Meeting on May 6th

- Provided comments on State Consolidated ESSA Plan
- Q&A for the two superintendent finalists:
 - Dr. Linda Chen
 - Dr. Christina Kishimoto



Student Leadership Conference 2017

- Theme is “Leadership: The Prequel”
- Over 350 participants from across state both middle school and high school
- Held at UH Manoa from June 22-24
- Consists of breakout sessions, guest speakers and fun activities
- Service project: Writing cards to Kapiolani Hospital patients

