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TO: The Honorable Bruce D. Voss
Chairperson, Board of Education

FROM: Keith T. Hayashi
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SUBJECT: **Superintendent's Report: (1) Opening of the 2022-2023 School Year;
(2) School Supply Subsidy Pilot Program; (3) Job Recruitment; (4) Weekly
Department Newsletter**

I. DESCRIPTION

Update on the opening of the 2022-2023 school year, school supply subsidy pilot program, job recruitment, and weekly department newsletter.

II. PRESENTATION

I will present an update on the above-subject matter.

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Attachment

Superintendent's Report

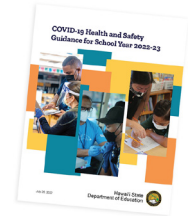


» Superintendent Keith Hayashi

» Opening of the School Year



Schools were excited to welcome students back to campus for the 2022-23 school year! The Department's [COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance](#) was also updated for this new school year. Significant changes include optional indoor and outdoor masking for students and employees, but strongly encouraged when community levels are medium or high.



» School Supply Subsidy Pilot Program

Na'alehu Elementary is part of a newly enacted [pilot program](#) that provides families of schools composed entirely of students eligible for Title I funding with \$100 per student for school supplies to help ensure educational success.



20 Schools

8,000 Students

» Ongoing Recruitment

Promoted bus driver hiring event on O'ahu:

- 64 people test drove the bus themselves
- 43 applications filled out on the spot
- 31 on-site interviews



Participated in the Aug. 3 Star-Advertiser Career Expo:

- Spoke with 181 job seekers
- Interest shown in substitute teaching opportunities

» Ho'oha'aeho Weekly Newsletter

We've increased the publication frequency of our [Ho'oha'aeho newsletter](#) from monthly to weekly as part of our commitment to provide timely updates and highlight bright spots.



33,000 Average Subscriber Count



3 Awards Received for External Audience

