December 21, 2023

TO: The Honorable Warren Haruki  
Chairperson, Board of Education

FROM: Keith T. Hayashi  
Superintendent

SUBJECT: Report of the Superintendent: (A) Maui Wildfires Impacts; (B) Awards and Recognitions for Students, Employees and/or Schools; and (C) Department’s Proposed Legislation for the 2024 Legislative Session.

UPDATE

The attached presentation provides information about key topics: Maui wildfire impacts, statewide and national recognitions awarded to the Department’s schools, employees, and the Department’s proposed legislation for 2024 legislative session.

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Attachment
HAWAI‘I STATE
Department of Education
Agenda Item III:

Report of the Superintendent:

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(B) Awards and Recognitions for Students, Employees and/or Schools; and
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Hawai‘i State Board of Education
General Business Meeting
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Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent
SECTION A

Maui Wildfires Impact
December 2023

- Modular buildings that will make up the temporary campus are arriving at the site.

- According to U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers (USACE), target date to complete construction is end of February 2024.

- USACE expected to turn property over to the state to install furniture and equipment.

- Occupancy and operating out of the new temporary school is still under discussion.
Supporting Lāhainā Schools

purposity.com/@HIDOE808

- Purosity is a crowd-source platform dedicated to connecting community to real-time giving opportunities. HIDOE has been working with Purposity since 2019 to meet the needs of students.
- For the holiday season, Purposity opened the platform to staff affected by the wildfires. Staff were invited to request an item up to $50.
- Promoted in HIDOE Huddle, Hoʻoheaaheo newsletter and social media. Campaign will run through January.
Awards & Recognitions
For Students, Employees and/or Schools
National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC) Conference
November 13-15 in Tucson, Arizona

2023 NCAC model academies

**Governor Wallace Rider Farrington High**
- Creative Arts and Technology Academy
- Engineering Academy
- Health Academy
- Public Service Academy

**James B. Castle High**
- Academy of Arts & Business
- Academy of Innovation
- Academy of Medical Services & Culinary Arts
- Academy of Business, Agricultural Sciences, and International Baccalaureate
- Academy of Creative Media
- Academy of Health Sciences

2023 NCAC model academies with distinction

**Waipahu High**
- Academy of Health and Sciences
- Academy of Natural Resources

Waipahu High’s Rebecca Sanborn was also recognized as the NCAC Exemplar Educator at the conference.
SECTION C

Department’s Proposed Legislation for the 2024 Legislative Session
Proposed Legislation
Pending Governor’s approval for administrative package

Broad Themes

● **Easing administrative burdens on schools**
  ○ Decreased reporting requirements around COVID-19 cases in schools and an easing of barriers for procurement of goods and services.

● **Increasing protections for students**
  ○ Ensuring students are safe from abuse in schools and are provided safe educational experiences outside of school.

● **Ensuring adequate funding**
  ○ Rising costs of food, increased charter school enrollment and the challenges created by the Maui wildfires have resulted in the need for additional funding.
Increasing Local Products in School Meals
Request for Information

https://go.hidoe.us/3REdTF9

- 21 responses to formal Request for Information (RFI)

- Additional 20 vendors reached out expressing interest in the next phase but did not submit responses for the RFI.

- Submissions came in from across the state and for a variety of fresh and processed local products.

- Data and feedback will be used by School Food Services Branch for next phase of this effort in the spring: Request for Proposals.