

# STUDENTS OF HAWAI'I

OFFICIAL BOE STUDENT MEMBER NEWSLETTER



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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOE STUDENT MEMBER...

Aloha,

I am extremely honored to be your 2017-2018 BOE Student Member. As the first neighbor island BOE Student Member since 2005, I am extremely excited to represent Hawaii's public school students on the Board of Education this year.

I firmly believe that a strong and effective learning environment is a critical foundation for every child and young adult. If we take the time to strengthen our education and our foundation, then we are taking the time to strengthen our and Hawaii's future.

I would like assure you that I will be an advocate for your educational concerns, ideas, and voice. I want every day to be an opportunity for you to use your student voice, allowing me to properly communicate the opinions of the public school students of Hawaii.

I established these newsletters as a source of communication with students, teachers, and communities across the state to learn more about our public schools and our public school students. Thus, please feel free to reach out to me through email and tell me about the outstanding work and students at your school at [boe.hssc@gmail.com](mailto:boe.hssc@gmail.com).

I look forward to the year ahead and hope to hear your student voice!



Maya Gee  
Hawaii State Board of Education  
Student Member 2017-18



## BOARD OF ED. MEETINGS

### November 7th BOE Meeting

The Student Achievement Committee was given a presentation on Special Education in the Pearl City-Waipahu Complex Area. Waipahu Elementary Principal, Mr. Hui, shared Waipahu Elementary's model for inclusion classrooms (classes with regular and special education students). They have two models:

1. Co-teaching classrooms that consist of one regular education teacher and one special education teacher (15 co-teaching classes)
  2. Overflow classrooms that consist of one regular education teacher (4 overflow classes)
- Within these classrooms, small groups of students work with the teacher while the rest of the students work on their classwork independently. These models are supportive and inclusive for special education students who are transitioning into regular education classes and becoming more independent in their learning.

The committee also received a presentation on the annual reporting of the indicators for Goal 1 (Student Success). To see the data and indicator updates visit [boe.hawaii.gov](http://boe.hawaii.gov) under the agenda for November 7: Student Achievement Committee.



## HAWAII STATE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING #3

The Hawaii State Student Council received a presentation on the Na Hopena A'o (HA) framework and update on Board of Education discussion items. Additionally, the HSSC discussed four major student-related topics: mental health concerns, college readiness, community involvement, and student safety. The council is designing and creating an implementation plan to carry out a solution, program, or initiative to one of these four topics. Updates will be sent out as progress is made.

Additionally, the Office of Strategy, Innovation, and Performance gave a presentation and conducted a survey regarding school design, and the Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Student Support gave a presentation and conducted a survey about computer science education within Hawaii.

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OUT!

Attention all seniors! The Hawaii Community Foundation (HCF) awards hundreds of scholarships and grants every year to high school seniors across the state who are college-bound. HCF's common application opened on November 15 and allows you to access over 200 scholarships for the 2018-19 academic year! Deadline: 01/31/18  
Visit: [hawaiicommunityfoundation.org](http://hawaiicommunityfoundation.org)

### SEAL OF BILITERACY

The Seal of Biliteracy was established by the Board of Education to be award students upon graduation who demonstrate a high proficiency in either of the State's two official languages and at least one additional language.

To see if you could be eligible, visit [hawaiipublicschools.org](http://hawaiipublicschools.org) and search "Seal of Biliteracy". Deadline: 03/31/18