



STATE OF HAWAII
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RECOGNIZING STEPHEN SCHATZ FOR HIS SERVICE

WHEREAS, Deputy Superintendent Stephen Schatz has been an exceptional educational leader for more than 20 in years in California and Hawaii;

WHEREAS, Mr. Schatz has dedicated his career to public education, serving as a teacher, vice principal, and principal in California from 1994 to 2002, vice principal at Waialua High and Intermediate from 2002 to 2004, principal of Pohakea Elementary from 2004 to 2009, complex area superintendent from 2009 to 2011, assistant superintendent for the Office of Strategic Reform then Office of Strategy, Innovation and Performance from 2011 to 2015, and Deputy Superintendent from 2015 to 2017;

WHEREAS, Mr. Schatz has shown his commitment to advocating for students in communities with high poverty by inspiring staff, motivating students, and actively engaging families and stakeholders;

WHEREAS, while at Pohakea Elementary, Mr. Schatz provided outstanding educational leadership reflected in improved reading and math test scores during his tenure as principal;

WHEREAS, Mr. Schatz led the state's \$75 million Race to the Top grant award which funded transformational changes in public education moving Hawaii from "high risk" status to being recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as "a model for the nation;"

WHEREAS, Mr. Schatz has been instrumental in leading large scale system change to support student achievement through the use of data tools to drive school improvement, the establishment of performance management routines and project management of initiatives, and alignment of schools' academic plans for school improvement with the Board of Education and Department of Education Joint Strategic Plan;

WHEREAS, as Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Schatz has focused on achieving better outcomes and setting high expectations for students and schools through advocacy of college and career readiness; identifying and scaling of "bright spots," spearheading the focus on 9th grade transitions, and developing leaders system-wide;

WHEREAS, the commitment, dedication, and leadership of Mr. Schatz has enabled the Board of Education and the Department of Education to provide an outstanding public education and proudly serve the children of Hawaii; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii Board of Education hereby extends its heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Stephen Schatz for his dedication and meaningful, significant contributions to the education of Hawaii's children with a spirit of aloha.

This resolution was proposed and approved by the Board at its February 21, 2017 General Business Meeting.

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