



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

RECOGNIZING KATHRYN S. MATAYOSHI FOR HER SERVICE

WHEREAS, Kathryn S. Matayoshi has served as Superintendent of the Department of Education since 2010;

WHEREAS, Superintendent Matayoshi has steadily led public education through change, including three Governors and both an elected and appointed Board of Education;

WHEREAS, under Superintendent Matayoshi's leadership, significant policy changes were made in public education including ending of Furlough Fridays; creation and embracing of Nā Hopena A'o; implementation of the first joint Board and department Strategic Plan; a commitment to college, career and community readiness for graduates and to Hawaiian education for all; implementation of the Hawaii Common Core Standards; administrator and teacher performance-based evaluations developed in collaboration with labor unions; early college; induction and mentoring for beginning teachers, and Strive HI performance system;

WHEREAS, Superintendent Matayoshi brought her experience from the private, nonprofit, and government sectors to establish partnerships that support our students and teachers, including Malama Honua Promise to Children for project-based learning, Hawaii Keiki for student health, Connect to Careers for industry-led career preparation for students, Hawaii Design Thinking to support innovation, Mauna Kea Scholars for science opportunities for students, University of Hawaii ("UH") for teacher preparation and early college, and Hawaii P-20 for collaborations to prepare students throughout the educational pipeline from early childhood through workforce;

WHEREAS, Hawaii's students have benefited with measurable results: between 2011 and 2015, a 42% increase in students taking Advanced Placement Exams, 42% increase in students passing Advanced Placement exams; 74% increase in students enrolling in early college to earn college credits, 30% decrease in graduates enrolled in UH who take remedial mathematics courses, and 35% decrease in graduates enrolled in UH who take remedial English courses;

WHEREAS, Hawaii was recognized by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan as "one of the fastest improving states... by any objective measure" and as a "model for the nation" for the impact of its Race to the Top-funded reforms and in 2017, the Education Commission of the States awarded Hawaii the Fred Newman Award for State Innovation;

WHEREAS, the commitment and leadership of Superintendent Matayoshi has enabled the Board and the Department to develop and sustain the capacity to provide quality public education for the children of Hawai'i and future of our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii Board of Education hereby extends its heartfelt appreciation to Superintendent Kathryn S. Matayoshi for her dedication, leadership, and contributions to public education in the State of Hawaii and its positive impact on Hawaii's children and the community.

This resolution was proposed and approved by the Board at its June 20, 2017 General Business Meeting.

Lance A. Mizumoto, Chairperson