

Report on Board Community Meetings: June 24, 2019
Honolulu Board Community Meeting (Wahiawa)
General Business Meeting
July 18, 2019

In response to concerns from the community, the Board of Education (“Board”) held a community meeting in June with the primary purpose of discussing the use and regulation of herbicides and pesticides on school campuses and sharing views on public education.

The community meeting occurred in the City and County of Honolulu on June 24, 2019 at the Leilehua High School Library (located at 1515 California Avenue, Wahiawa, Hawaii) from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. The meeting was hosted by Board Chairperson Catherine Payne. There were approximately 58 attendees, which included Superintendent Christina Kishimoto, Assistant Superintendent of the Office of School Facilities and Support Services Dann Carlson, Hawaii State Representative Amy Perruso, Department staff, teachers, parents, students, stakeholders, and community members. Among the ideas shared at the meeting were for the Department to move forward on clarification on the use of herbicides and pesticides (particularly glyphosate) on school campuses, potential amendments to Board policies, and Department messaging and communication to complex areas and schools.