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TO: Board of Education

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AGENDA ITEM: Update on Investigative Committee (a permitted interaction group pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 92-2.5(b)(1)) concerning search for a superintendent: stakeholders represented on Advisory Group

I. BACKGROUND

On June 3, 2021, the Board of Education (“Board”) formed an investigative committee (a permitted interaction group pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 92-2.5(b)(1)) tasked with investigating issues related to the search for a superintendent in accordance with the process and timeline approved by the Board (this investigative committee is herein referred to as the “Search Committee”). The Board assigned Board Members Kaimana Barcarse, Lynn Fallin, Kili Namau’u, and myself to the investigative committee, with me serving as committee chairperson.

On May 20, 2021, the Board of Education (“Board”) adopted a general timeline and process for searching for and selecting a long-term superintendent, provided that the Search Committee may make any revisions necessary to complete its tasks.¹ The process includes an advisory group consisting of individuals representing key stakeholder groups with significant interest in public education (herein referred to as the “Advisory Group”). The Advisory Group advises the Search Committee on candidates.

¹ My memorandum dated April 15, 2021 contains the timeline and process adopted by the Board, available here:

https://boe.hawaii.gov/Meetings/Notices/Meeting%20Material%20Library/GBM_20210520_Action%20on%20Investigative%20Committee%20on%20Transition%20and%20Search%20Process%20findings%20and%20recommendations.pdf.

II. UPDATE

The Search Committee established the composition of the Advisory Group with the following stakeholder groups:

1. Parents
2. Teachers
3. School Administrators
4. Community/nonprofits
5. Hawaiian Education
6. Charter Education
7. Early Education
8. Adult Education
9. Higher Education
10. Military
11. Business
12. English Learners
13. Special Education

While the original timeline had the Search Committee selecting individuals to serve on the Advisory Group in July, the Search Committee now plans to do the selections in August based on the aforementioned stakeholder groups. The Search Committee has so far made one other major change to the timeline, which is to have the Board adopt a superintendent job description and characteristics in October rather than August.