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TO: Board of Education

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AGENDA ITEM: Board Member Report on events attended: (1) December 9, 2022 Superintendent Visit to Sunset Beach Elementary, Kahuku Elementary, and Kahuku High and Intermediate Schools; (2) December 13, 2022 Superintendent Visit to Ilima Intermediate, Ewa Makai Middle, and Kapolei Middle Schools; (3) January 3, 2023 Hawaii Education Association Leadership Summit; (4) January 4, 2023 Mōkapu Elementary School Groundbreaking Ceremony; (5) January 6, 2023 Superintendent Visit to Waimalu, Red Hill, and Nimitz Elementary Schools; (6) January 10, 2023 Complex Area Superintendent Visit to Honouliuli Middle School

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**December 9, 2022 Superintendent Visit to Sunset Beach Elementary, Kahuku Elementary, and Kahuku High and Intermediate Schools**

Board Member Bill Arakaki accompanied Superintendent Keith Hayashi on superintendent visits to Sunset Beach Elementary, Kahuku Elementary, and Kahuku High and Intermediate Schools on December 9, 2022.

Board Member Arakaki was presented with examples of how schools are educating students and discussed public education.

**December 13, 2022 Superintendent Visit to Ilima Intermediate, Ewa Makai Middle, and Kapolei Middle Schools**

Board Members Asher accompanied Superintendent Keith Hayashi on superintendent visits to Ilima Intermediate, Ewa Makai Middle and Kapolei Middle Schools on December 13, 2022.

Board Member Asher was presented with examples of how schools are educating students and discussed public education.

### **January 3, 2023 Hawaii Education Association Leadership Summit**

Board Member Fallin attended the Hawaii Education Association Leadership Summit on January 3, 2023 at YWCA Laniakea.

Board Member Fallin was presented with expertise from President Joan Lewis, Vice President Lee Husted, and panelists from the Education Commission of the States, Mental Health America in Hawaii, INPEACE, and Leeward Community College Educator Preparation Program on sharing ways to support Hawaii educators in the coming years.

Board Member Lynn Fallin highlighted that the focus of the summit was on teaching profession challenges and opportunities in Hawaii and nationally, including information relating to health and wellness. Husted moderated the panelist discussions which included representatives from the Education Commission of the States, Mental Health America in Hawaii, teachers from Kapolei and Kauai High School, Leeward Community College, and INPEACE. Board Member Fallin provided her takeaways from the event:

- Rethink the teaching profession and systems, policies and practices that directly impact teachers;
- Cannot go back to pre COVID-19 pandemic and need to move forward;
- Review lessons learned in areas relating to creativity, innovation and nimbleness;
- Importance of linking and integration of health/wellness including education and teaching
- Focus on students and the role of community in areas such as prevention, assessment and Adverse Childhood Experience study findings;
- Must increase positive acknowledgement and support for teachers; and
- Review the impacts of technology on teaching and learning.

### **January 4, 2023 Mōkapu Elementary School Groundbreaking Ceremony**

Board Members Fallin and Moriarty attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony held on January 4, 2023 at Mōkapu Elementary School, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Board Member Fallin provided the following observations:

- The new facility is long overdue and is both state and federally funded.
- The school was built to accommodate 975 students including 2 classroom buildings for a total of 55 classrooms with support spaces including an administrative building, library, new cafeteria, and playground court.

### **January 6, 2023 Superintendent Visit to Waimalu, Red Hill, and Nimitz Elementary Schools**

Board Member Fallin accompanied Superintendent Keith Hayashi on superintendent visits to Waimalu, Red Hill, and Nimitz Elementary Schools on January 6, 2023.

Board Member Fallin was presented with examples of how schools are educating students and discussed public education. She provided the following observations:

- Waimalu Elementary focuses on collaboration and relationship building to improve student learning.
- Nimitz Elementary has a student achievement rate at around 94% meeting proficiency, outstanding attendance and low chronic absenteeism. The innovation at the school includes student input and flexible student seating, which shows the great collaboration within each grade level that is aligned to curriculum. The campus grounds and facilities are well maintained and the current focus of improvement is based on alignment between grade levels, implementing new math curriculum, concerns with financing for the school with unpredictable fluctuations in enrollment, and special education transfers from out of state requiring one to one support.
- Red Hill Elementary School has experienced recent and ongoing challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic and water quality, but school spirit remains high and the community support is evident. The school is focusing on collaboration with staff and children, no teacher transfers, good working relationship between the school and Hawaii State Teachers Association, outstanding use of student data and recent participation in the Disney Institute by staff has had a big impact.

### **January 10, 2023 Complex Area Superintendent Visit to Honouliuli Middle School**

Board Member Asher accompanied Complex Area Superintendent Sean Tajima on a visit to Honouliuli Middle School.

Board Member Asher was presented with examples of how schools are educating students and discussed public education.