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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Bruce D. Voss
Chairperson, Board of Education

AGENDA ITEM: Board Member Report on events attended: **(1)** February 15, 2023
Hawaii State Public Library Anniversary; **(2)** March 10-11, 2023
Office of Hawaiian Education Summit, plenary sessions

February 15, 2023 Hawaii State Public Library Anniversary

Board Member Lauren Moriarty attended the Hawaii State Library Public System Anniversary on December 9, 2022.

Board Member Moriarty provided a written summary report, attached as **Exhibit A**, relating to the event.

March 10-11, 2023 Office of Hawaiian Education Summit, plenary sessions

Board Members Shanty Asher, Lauren Moriarty, and Kili Namau'u participated in the Office of Hawaiian Education Summit, plenary sessions held on March 10-11, 2023 at the Hawaii Convention Center.

Board Members were presented with an opportunity to celebrate and honor the experience of supporting and recognizing the abundance of Hawaii in their lives and communities so that individuals feel inspired and empowered to uplift Hawaii as the foundation for learning for themselves and others.

Board Member Namau'u provided a written summary report, attached as **Exhibit B**, relating to the event. Board Member Moriarty also provided a written summary report, attached as **Exhibit C**, relating to the event.

TO: Bruce Voss
Board Chair

FROM: Lauren Moriarty
Board Member

SUBJECT: February 4 Celebration of 110th Anniversary of Hawaii Public Library System: Report of Board Member Attendance

On February 4, 2023, I attended a public event held at the Hawaii State Library to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the official opening of the Hawaii Public Library System. Remarks by Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke, State Senator Karl Rhoads and State Librarian Aldrich and just being in the library brought home to me again what a treasure we have in our statewide, public library system. Ms. Aldrich provided a fascinating summary of the history of the Hawaii State Library building and the Hawaii Public Library System. She introduced briefly some of the many services that our public libraries now provide. I also spoke briefly. As part of the celebration, the Royal Hawaiian Band played; afterwards, a Lion Dance troupe performed to mark the end of the Lunar New Year period. The event drew a wide cross-section of about 100 people.

For people who missed the celebration, more details on the inspiring history of the Hawaii Public Library System can be found at <https://www.librarieshawaii.org/about-us/history/history-of-the-library/> Information and links to access library books and digital media, information on financial literacy and professional licenses, homework help, ukuleles to borrow, and so much more can be found at <https://www.librarieshawaii.org>

Lauren Moriarty
Member
Hawai'i State Board of Education

TO: Bruce Voss
Board Chair

FROM: Kili Namau'u
Board Member

SUBJECT: March 10-11, 2023, Office of Hawaiian Education Summit, plenary sessions

I had the pleasure of attending the Office of Hawaiian Education (“OHE”) Summit plenary sessions held at the Hawai‘i Convention Center on March 10-11, 2023. The two-day plenary event was the third and final segment of the summit. Department of Education employees throughout the state volunteered to participate in the summit starting with an initial virtual keynote address on February 14, 2023, from Pualani Lincoln Maielua. The second phase took place with in-person excursions, or huaka‘i, to on-island venues held on two separate weekends, either on February 21 or 22 for Kaua‘i, Moloka‘i, Maui, and Lāna‘i participants or on February 27 or 28 for O‘ahu and Hawai‘i Island participants. Participants engaged in a variety of local programs featuring Hawaiian cultural and ‘āina-based activities. The concluding plenary conference offered opportunities for participants to reflect on their experiences with the hope that they not only had a greater awareness of Hawaiian cultural values and the critical importance of ‘āina, but that they could begin seeing how using an aloha ‘āina perspective could transform education in Hawai‘i.

Kaleikoa Ka‘eo, professor of Hawaiian Political studies at the University of Hawaii Maui College gave the keynote address at the plenary session. Panel discussions, breakout sessions, and video presentations were also shared throughout two-day conference. The summit was an opportunity to celebrate and honor the participants and to share the unique strengths and knowledge that are foundational in our communities in Hawai‘i. I witnessed a rejuvenated and enthusiastic group of Department of Education employees and their community partners who were humbled and grateful for their experiences. I want to acknowledge Kau‘i Sang, the director of OHE, and her team with a special shout out to Ka‘ano‘hi Kalama-Macomber, the Nā Hopena A‘o specialist for OHE. OHE continues to provide knowledgeable and cultural guidance for the entire public education system. They always present an organized and welcoming experience in all that they do. The OHE Summit was a culmination of who OHE is: hospitable, caring, and grounded in their Hawaiian values and talents. I mahalo them for putting on an excellent educational summit.

Kili Namau'u
Member
Hawai‘i State Board of Education

TO: Bruce Voss
Board Chair

FROM: Lauren Moriarty
Board Member

SUBJECT: March 10-11, 2023, Office of Hawaiian Education Summit, plenary sessions

On March 10 and 11, 2023, I participated in parts of the Hawaii Department of Education Office of Hawaiian Education (HIDOE) two-day, in-person, conference, Kupu Mai Ka 'Ōiwi Summit, that was held at the Hawaii Convention Center. I attended the plenary and two breakout sessions. In the in-between times, I talked with participants from 'O'ahu, Hawai'i, and Maui, including HIDOE teachers and educators and representatives from partner organizations.

A dominant theme in the presentations and my conversations was connection to Hawaiian culture, the 'āina, and in-school and beyond communities. Around me, throughout my attendance at the summit, I saw people connect with new ideas and each other.

An example of that for me was the breakout on "Voyaging Through Trigonometry: An Example of Hawaiian Culture Based Education in a Mathematics Classroom." Kamuela Yong introduced the curriculum he had developed and described in detail the process he used to develop it. It seemed to me that three separate skills were required for success, a deep knowledge of the subject (in this case, trigonometry), ability to see connections between the subject and Hawaiian culture, and ability to teach the subject in a culturally connected way. I left inspired to make sure we have a system that can nurture and support educators like Kamuela Young.

Lauren Moriarty
Member
Hawai'i State Board of Education