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TO: The Honorable Roy Takumi  
Chairperson, Board of Education

FROM: Keith T. Hayashi  
Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Report of the Superintendent: (A) Updates on Student Transportation and  
(B) Awards and Recognitions for Students, Employees, and/or Schools

UPDATE

The attached presentation highlights key milestones for the Hawaii State Department of Education (Department): updates recent awards and recognitions for Department students and employees.

In addition, the Department continues to provide regular updates to communicate about our public schools:

- Ho'oha'aeo: Weekly newsletter with Department highlights (38,000 subscribers);
- HIDEOE Huddle: Monthly newsletter with staff announcements;
- HawaiiPublicSchools.org: Public website (over 6,000 users daily); and
- Social media: Facebook, Instagram, X, LinkedIn (over 63,000 followers).

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# Department of Education

## **Agenda Item III: Report of the Superintendent**

- A. Updates on Student Transportation
- B. Awards and Recognitions for Students, Employees, and/or Schools

Hawai'i State Board of Education  
General Business Meeting  
November 21, 2024

**Keith T. Hayashi**, *Superintendent*



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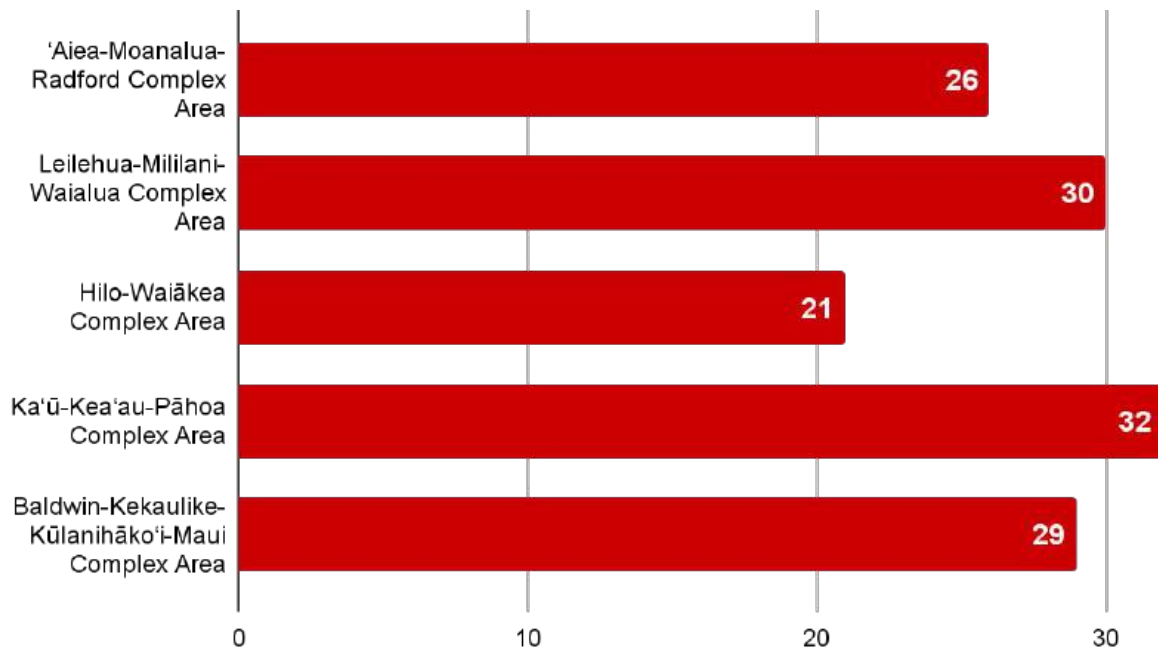
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# Update on Student Transportation



# Bus temporarily suspended

## Aug. 1 & 2 announcements, effective Aug. 5



Approximate number of students affected

**3,720**



# Bus routes update

## Routes temporarily suspended and restored as of Nov. 18





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**B**

# Awards and Recognitions for Students, Employees, and/or Schools



## 2024 Excellence in Safety Award - Government Category



James Boretti, ASSP President, Kyle Morikawa, Royal Elementary Vice Principal, Jennifer McNelly, ASSP CEO, Mark Behrens, safety and security specialist, HIDOE received the award on Oct. 30.

Royal Elementary School received the 2024 ASSP Excellence in Safety Award in the government category by the American Society of Safety Professionals.

The school was recognized for its dedicated focus on emergency preparedness, student involvement and community relations.

Only two other schools in Hawai'i have previously won this recognition.



# Collaborative for High Performance Schools



Mark Ayers, lead architect, Ferraro Choi & Associates; Brenda Lowrey, HIDEO facilities planner; Todd Fujimori, Honouliuli Middle School principal hold the award plaque in the multi-function cafeteria.

Honouliuli Middle School has earned “verified” status by the Collaborative for High Performance Schools, and is the first whole campus to be recognized in Hawai‘i.

The criteria used for the project is a locally created metric that accounts for Hawai‘i’s unique sense of place including microclimates, tradewinds and energy efficiency.



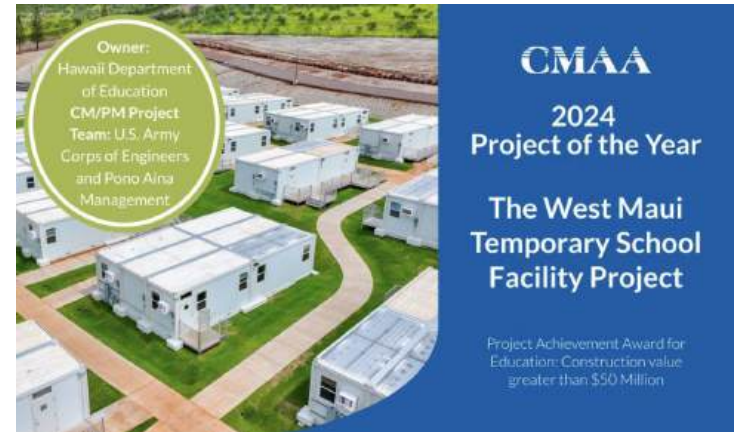


# Construction Management Association of America



Attendees receive the award in San Francisco which include Principal Ian Haskins, Dexter Kubota and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Colonel Eric Swenson.

King Kamehameha III Elementary School's temporary site at Pulelehua won the title of Project of the Year in the education sector by the Construction Management Association of America.





# National Blue Ribbon Schools

## Koko Head Elementary and Mililani 'Ike Elementary



Koko Head Elementary, Mililani 'Ike, and Hawai'i State Department of Education staff in Washington, D.C.

Koko Head Elementary and Mililani 'Ike Elementary – 2024 National Blue Ribbon Schools for their high academic achievements – accepted their awards on Nov. 8 in Washington, D.C.


















# DonorsChoose fall campaign

\$2.5 million has been distributed to 3,586 teacher-led DonorsChoose projects at 251 HIDOE and 17 charter schools.

Marc and Lynne Benioff again partnered with the Department to provide matching funds for this initiative aimed at engaging and inspiring students statewide.

Another round of support is planned for later in the academic year.

 <p><b>Stem Lab Supplies</b></p> <p>Help me give my students the things we need to build in our STEM Lab and keep it clean and organized.</p> <p><b>Mrs. Kalanoue</b> Kalahele Elementary School • Hawaii</p> <p>\$796 donated</p>	 <p><b>Assemblage - An Art Story</b></p> <p>Help me give my students materials to create exciting mixed media assemblage sculptures in the style of Louise Nevelson.</p> <p><b>Mrs. Dreisler</b> Kula High School • Hawaii</p> <p>\$749 donated</p>	 <p><b>Please Help Us Rebuild Our New School!</b></p> <p>Help me give my students materials to put our books in, lots of magnets, to display work and hang other things along the walls, and many other materials for the students to learn with!</p> <p><b>Ms. Coorndt</b> King Kamehameha II Elementary School • Hawaii</p> <p>\$749 donated</p>	 <p><b>Microscopes, Shovels, and Rakes Oh My...Hawaiian Garden</b></p> <p>Help me give my students an amazing Hawaiian garden by receiving them everything from permission with a permit to get to ground planting with tools, and shovels, and even learn about</p> <p><b>Mrs. Nishimoto</b> Ikuu Intermediate School • Hawaii</p> <p>\$738 donated</p>	 <p><b>Second Graders Brains Hungry for Fun and Games</b></p> <p>Help me give my students some healthy snacks, new video games, fidgets, and some fun games to enjoy on Fun Friday!</p> <p><b>Ms. Banoa-Sabatich</b> Keeaunui Elementary School • Hawaii</p> <p>\$530 donated</p>
 <p><b>Lions, Tigers, and Bears! Animals Science Research Project</b></p> <p>Help me give my students books for our upcoming research animal report! These books are at different levels which will help all of our readers.</p> <p><b>Mrs. Green</b> Maunaloa Elementary School • Hawaii</p> <p>\$630 donated</p>	 <p><b>Assembly Line Production with LEGOs</b></p> <p>Help me give my students LEGO bricks and kits for a challenge simulation.</p> <p><b>Mrs. Margulies</b> Konahele Middle School • Hawaii</p> <p>\$717 donated</p>	 <p><b>Tide Pool Field Trip Supplies</b></p> <p>Help me give my students refractometers, storage containers, a ball cooler and other supplies for field trips to the local tide pools.</p> <p><b>Ms. Bell</b> Ikena High &amp; Elementary School • Hawaii</p> <p>\$741 donated</p>	 <p><b>A Garden for Community</b></p> <p>Help me give my students a new place to connect, discuss, and form a community together.</p> <p><b>Mrs. Gallant</b> Kapaeha Point Elementary School • Hawaii</p> <p>\$700 donated</p>	 <p><b>Paracord - More Than Meets the Eye</b></p> <p>Help me give my students paracord sewing experiences to develop hand-eye coordination and instruction - following skills, at the same time allowing them to be creative and to have fun!</p> <p><b>Ms. Chang</b> Higashi Intermediate School • Hawaii</p> <p>\$596 donated</p>
 <p><b>Student Band Materials</b></p> <p>Help me give my students more opportunities to play music together. The more opportunities they have, the more opportunities they will have.</p> <p><b>Mr. Younger</b> Kawaihewa Intermediate School • Hawaii</p> <p>\$741 donated</p>	 <p><b>Mastering Mindfulness Through Bullet Journaling</b></p> <p>Help me give my students by giving them the tools to learn to bullet journal.</p> <p><b>Ms. Heather</b> Kulu High &amp; Palala Elementary School • Hawaii</p> <p>\$750 donated</p>	 <p><b>Olomana's Razorback Cafe</b></p> <p>Help me give my students a variety of packaging and tools needed for them to assist a student run cafe that services students, staff, and community members.</p> <p><b>Ms. Morris</b> Olanuwa School • Hawaii</p> <p>\$747 donated</p>	 <p><b>Flying to New Heights</b></p> <p>Help me give my students the clothes they need in order to learn and apply real-world skills, we will be compete in state level floor flying competition.</p> <p><b>Ms. Williams</b> Kaliua Intermediate School • Hawaii</p> <p>\$671 donated</p>	 <p><b>Love for Our Teens</b></p> <p>Help me give my students have some fun prizes, games, and items for crafting. These are needed in kits and they've had so much to the fun. I'm trying to keep school feeling like a fun place. Aha!ia!</p> <p><b>Ms. Dawn</b> Kaliua Intermediate School • Hawaii</p> <p>\$567 donated</p>

Some of the projects funded by the fall campaign.