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TO: The Honorable Roy Takumi
Chairperson, Board of Education

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Superintendent

SUBJECT: Report of the Superintendent: (A) Awards and recognitions for students, employees, and/or schools, (B) Update on workforce housing: Lahaina project, (C) Class of 2025 commencement, (D) 2025 summer offerings for students; and (E) Update on federal developments

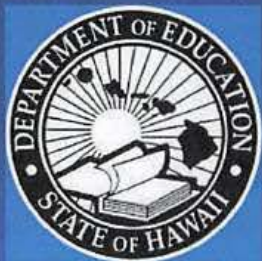
UPDATE

The attached presentation highlights key milestones for the Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE): updates and recent awards and recognitions for Department students and employees, an update on the Lahaina workforce housing, the class of 2025 commencement, 2025 summer offerings for students, and an update on federal developments.

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

- Ho'oha'aheo: Weekly newsletter with Department highlights (38,000 subscribers);
- HIDOE 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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HAWAI'I STATE **Department of Education**

Agenda Item III: Report of the Superintendent

- A. Awards and recognitions for students, employees, and/or schools
- B. Update on workforce housing: Lahaina project
- C. Class of 2025 commencement
- D. 2025 summer offerings for students
- E. Update on federal funding

Hawai'i State Board of Education
General Business Meeting
June 19, 2025

Keith T. Hayashi, *Superintendent*



SECTION

A

**Awards and recognitions for
students, employees, and/or
schools**



National Teachers Hall of Fame

Hilo Intermediate School science teacher Pascale Creek Pinner was inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. The recognition program annually honors five of the nation's most outstanding PreK-12 educators with at least 20 years of teaching experience.



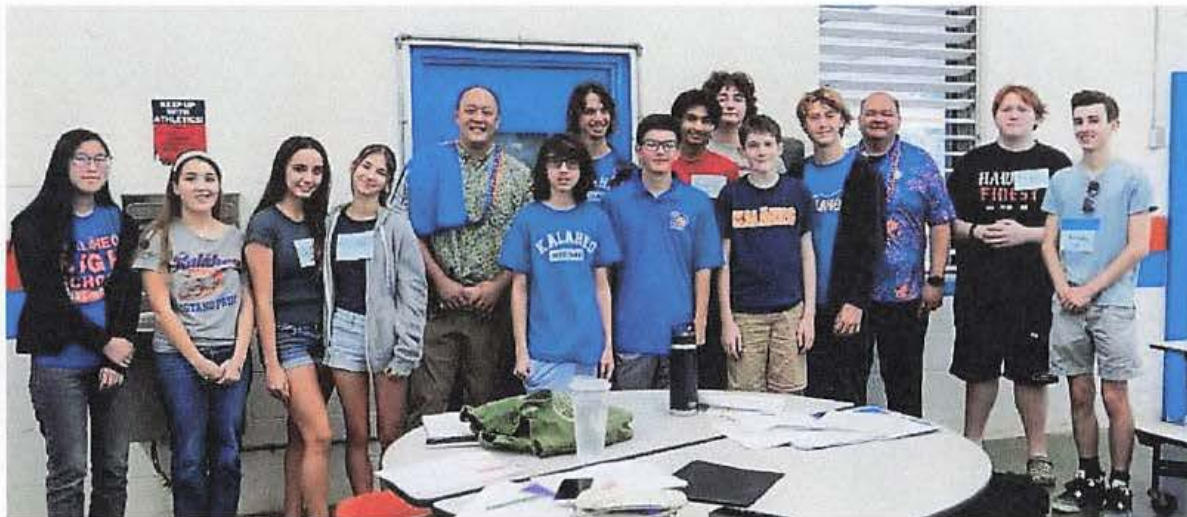
National Teachers Hall of Fame inductees on CBS Mornings.





Smarter Balanced Teaching and Learning Innovation Award

Kailua-Kalāheo Complex Area received the \$10,000 Smarter Balanced Teaching and Learning Innovation Award



Kalāheo High School hosted a math meet for the O'ahu Math League on Feb. 1, 2025





Career academies national recognitions 2025



James B. Castle High	Freshman Academy	Model with Distinction
Hilo High	Freshman Academy	Model
Kapolei High	Business Academy	Model
	Engineering, Design, & Energy Academy	Model
	Ho'ola Natural Resources Academy	Model with Distinction
Kohala High	The Sustainability Academy (First small school in the country)	Model
Waiākea High	Arts & Communication Academy	Model
Waipahu High	Academy of Arts & Communication	Model
	Ohana of Excellence Academy	Model with Distinction



National School Public Relations Association

2025 Publication and Digital Media Awards

Projects from the Department's Communications Branch were among a record number of entries submitted by school districts nationwide.

Awards of Merit

- Attend Today! Achieve Tomorrow! banners (Marketing Category)
- "He's 18, she's 20: Meet the HDOE's youngest teachers" (Excellence in Writing Category)

Honorable Mention

- Ho'oha'aheo newsletter (Newsletter category)
- Middle Level Student Leadership Summit video (Video - Produced In-House Category)

*Kalihi Elementary
walking school bus
in front of an
Attend Today!
Achieve Tomorrow!
Banner*





SECTION

B

**Update on workforce housing:
Lahaina project**



Lahaina Educator Workforce Housing

- The \$20 million, state-funded educator workforce housing project is pivotal to the retention and recruitment of West Maui staff.
- The 47-unit rental complex – on 5 acres above Princess Nāhi'ena'ena Elementary and below Lahainaluna High – will include one- and two-bedroom configurations.
- The development will support employees working in Lahaina schools, with priority given to those displaced by the wildfires.
- Units are expected to be completed by December 2025.



Groundbreaking event at the site on May 29, 2025.



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Class of 2025 commencement



Congratulations, Class of 2025!

Approximately 11,000 high school graduates from 46 public high schools celebrated at commencement ceremonies across the islands in May.

Scan QR code for a video recap or visit: vimeo.com/hido/2025graduation



Maui High



Kapa'a High



Kalani High



Leilehua High



SECTION

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2025 summer offerings for students



Summer learning

245 – or 95% – of our schools will be offering some type of summer program this year, including enrichment, remediation, credit advancement or credit recovery. Program highlights include:

- **Summer Start Kindergarten Transition Program**
Provides incoming kindergartners early exposure to classroom routines.
- **Specialized Student Support**
Extended learning opportunities available for students needing specialized services and support.
- **College, Career and Community Learning**
Opportunities include paid summer internships through HIDOE or school partnerships, as well as transition and “on-ramp” programs to help students prepare for college and careers after graduation.

<https://hawaiipublicschools.org/summer-learning-2025>



Rev. Benjamin Parker Elementary



Gov. W. R. Farrington High



Free summer meals

Starting June 12, 68 public schools will offer free summer meals to children ages 18 and younger through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Seamless Summer Option program.*

O'AHU (40)

August Ahrens El.
Campbell High
Dole Middle
'Ewa Makai Middle
Farrington High
Fern El.
Hau'ula El.
Hōkūlani El.
Ka'ala El.
Kahuku El.
Kahuku High & Inter.
Kailua El.
Kaimuki High
Kalakaua Middle

Kalihi El.
Kalihi Waena El.
Kāne'ohe El.
Kapālama El.
Kauluwela El.
Lā'ie El.
Lehua El.
Leihōkū El.
Ma'ema'e El.
Mā'ili El.
Mākaha El.
Nānāikapono El.
Nānākuli El.
Nānākuli High & Inter.
Pearl City High
Pope El.

Pū'ōhala El.
Pu'uhale El.
Roosevelt High
Stevenson Middle
Wai'anae El.
Wai'anae High
Wai'anae Inter.
Waimānalo El. & Inter.
Wheeler El.
Wheeler Middle

HAWAII (15)

Hilo High
Honoka'a High & Inter.
Kapi'olani El.

Ka'ū High & Pāhala Inter.
Kea'au El.
Kea'au Middle
Kealakehe El.
Keaukaha El.
Konawaena El.
Mountain View El.
Nā'ālehu El.
Pa'auilo El. & Inter.
Pāhoa High & Inter.
Waiākea High
Waiākea Inter.

MOLOKAI (2)

Kaunakakai El.
Molokai Middle

MAUI (9)

Baldwin High
Ha'ikū El.
Kahului El.
Kalama Inter.
Kekaulike High
Lokelani Inter.
Maui Waena Inter.
Waihe'e El.
Wailuku El.

KAUA'I (2)

Kapa'a El.
Kaumuali'i El.

* List of participating schools can be found at hawaiipublicschools.org.



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E

Update on federal funding



Potential federal budget impacts

- On May 30, the Trump Administration released its budget proposal for fiscal year (FY) 2026, which begins on October 1, 2025.
 - The proposal cuts \$12 billion from the U.S. Department of Education budget (15% reduction).
 - Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funding remain steady.
 - Consolidates some programs into a \$2 billion "K-12 Simplified Funding Program."
- HIDOE estimates a potential federal funding reduction of \$24 million based on what is known of the President's budget proposal.
- The next step in the process is the congressional appropriations process, where the President's budget proposal is reviewed and debated by the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Ultimately, Congress decides the budget.