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TO: The Honorable Roy Takumi
Chairperson, Board of Education

FROM: Keith T. Hayashi
Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Report of the Superintendent: (A) Official Enrollment Count for 2025-2026 School Year (B) Update on Lahaina Workforce Housing Project (C) Awards and Recognitions for Students, Employees, and/or Schools

UPDATE

The attached presentation highlights key milestones for the Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE): the official enrollment count for the 2025-2026 school year, an update of the Lahaina Workforce Housing project and recent awards and recognitions for Department students and employees.

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

- Ho'oha'aeo: 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, LinkedIn (over 60,000 followers).

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Attachment



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Agenda Item III: Report of the Superintendent

- A. Official Enrollment Count for 2025-2026 School Year
- B. Update on Lahaina Workforce Housing Project
- C. Awards and Recognitions for Students, Employees and/or Schools

Hawai'i State Board of Education
General Business Meeting
Sept. 18, 2025

Keith T. Hayashi, *Superintendent*



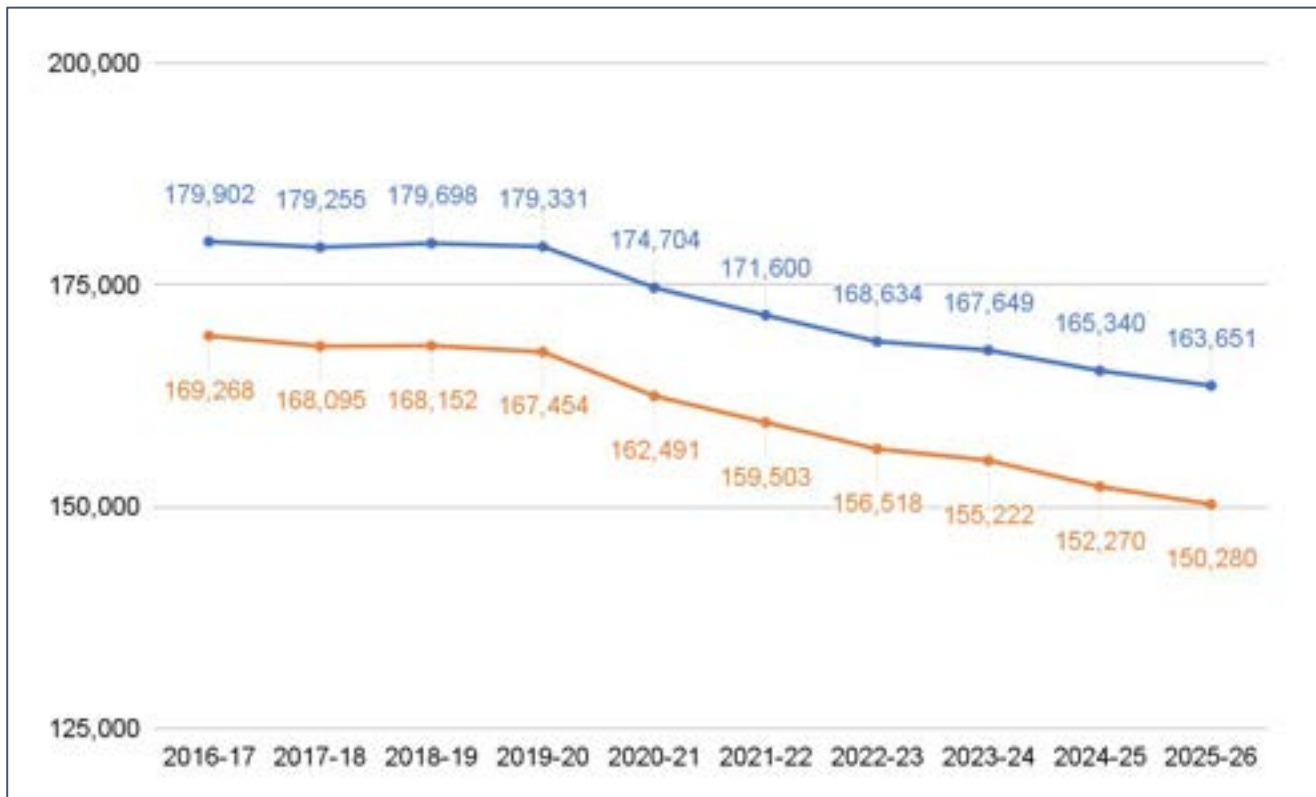
SECTION

A

Official Enrollment Count for 2025-2026 School Year



10-Year Official Enrollment Count, 2016-2017 to 2025-2026



- HIDOE and Charters
- HIDOE Schools Only

Source: Office of Strategy, Innovation and Performance



Largest and smallest schools by enrollment, SY 2025-2026

Largest High Schools

James Campbell High	2,882
Waipahu High	2,397
Mililani High	2,324

Largest Middle/Intermediate

Mililani Middle	2,882
‘Ewa Makai Middle	2,397
Waipahu Intermediate	2,324

Largest Elementary Schools

August Ahrens Elementary	2,882
‘Ewa Elementary	2,397
Holomua Elementary	2,324

Smallest Schools

Niihau High & Elementary	12
Hawai‘i School for the Deaf and the Blind	45
Maunaloa Elementary	69



SECTION

B

Update on Lahaina Workforce Housing Project



Lahaina Workforce Housing Project

- 47-unit rental complex located below Lahainaluna High
- Ground breaking: May 2025
- Anticipated move in: Spring Break 2026
- Information Session for HIDEO employees on Sept. 25 from 4-5 p.m. at Lahaina Intermediate cafeteria



A rendering of the rental units by Dowling Company Inc.



HIDEO leadership along with state and county officials attended a groundbreaking ceremony in May 2025.



SECTION

D

Awards and recognitions for students, employees and/or schools



Middle schools named ‘Schools of Distinction’

Āliamanu, Kaimukī and Moanalua Middle Schools have been named 2025 “Schools of Distinction” by the Association for Middle Level Education. The award recognizes schools that go above and beyond in meeting the academic, social and emotional needs of middle schoolers.



From left to right, Āliamanu Middle, Kaimukī Middle and Moanalua Middle Schools



Complex area and charter school teachers of the year



David Adler
Nānākuli Elementary
Nānākuli-Wai'anae



Josette (Kaleo) Akim Hanohano
Kahuku High & Intermediate
Castle-Kahuku



Jessica Canyon
Fern Elementary
Farrington-Kaiser-Kalani



Susan Chew
Lāna'i High & Elementary
Hāna-Lahainaluna-Lāna'i-Molokai



Claire Ann (Kalaunuola) Domingo
Ke Kula o' Samuel M. Kamakau Laboratory PCS
Public Charter Schools



Steve Hanks
Honoka'a High & Intermediate
Honoka'a-Kealakehe-Kohala-Konawaena



Judith (Elise) Hannigan
Kea'au High
Ka'ū-Kea'au-Pāhoa



Christopher Justo
Mililani Middle
Leilehua-Mililani-Wai'alua



Jodi Kadoyama
Mānana Elementary
Pearl City-Waipahu



Emily Mendoza
'Aiea High
'Aiea-Moanalua-Radford



Kristel Pigao
Waihe'e Elementary
Baldwin-Kekaulike-Kūlanihāko'i-Maui



Dawn Spurrell-Robinson
Hilo-Waiākea Complex Area
Hilo-Waiākea



Courtney Suma
Kapolei High
Campbell-Kapolei



Kris Tajima
Kauluwela Elementary
Kaimukī-McKinley-Roosevelt



Kathleen Trifonovitch
Maunawili Elementary
Kailua-Kalāheo



Natsumi Yamasato
Wilcox Elementary
Kapa'a-Kaua'i-Waimea



Hawai'i History Teacher of the Year

- Michelle L. Aquino of Farrington High School was awarded Hawai'i History Teacher of the Year from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.
- Aquino, who teaches Filipino and Hawaiian studies and is a club advisor, fosters a passion for history, civics, and culture.



Michelle L. Aquino teaches Filipino and Hawaiian studies at Farrington High School.



Waipahu High Academic Health Center wins construction award



Waipahu High School's Academic Health Center opened in April 2024. The campus clinic is run by Hawai'i Pacific Health and offers medical services for the Waipahu community. Students in Waipahu High's Health & Sciences Academy receive hands-on training ranging from administrative to clinical work.

- Project received Honorable Mention at the Build Hawai'i Awards 2025 in the "Renovation/ Remodeling Under \$10 Million" category
- Joint project with Hawai'i 3Rs, G70, S&M Sakamoto and Hawai'i Pacific Medical Group