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TO: The Honorable Roy M. Takumi
Chairperson, Board of Education

FROM: Keith T. Hayashi
Superintendent

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

UPDATE

The attached presentation highlights key milestones for the Hawaiʻi State Department of Education (HIDOE): an update on major construction projects and recent awards and recognitions for HIDOE students and employees.

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

- Hoʻohaʻaheo: Weekly newsletter with HIDOE 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

HAWAIʻI STATE

Department of Education

Agenda Item IV: Report of the Superintendent

A. Updates on major construction projects
B. Awards and Recognitions for students, employees and/or schools

Hawaiʻi State Board of Education
General Business Meeting
November 12, 2026

Keith T. Hayashi, *Superintendent*

SECTION

A

Updates on major construction projects

Updates on major construction projects

The Department's Facilities Development Branch manages major building projects for public school campuses statewide, including overseeing the planning, design and construction of new school buildings, classrooms, athletic facilities and campus expansions. The table below includes some of the major construction projects underway.

School	Project description	Contract amount	Completion date
August Ahrens Elementary	New two-story, 23,450-square-foot classroom building with classrooms, a faculty center, support and storage spaces, and a play court.	$13.1 million	Jan. 2028
James Campbell High	New athletic complex with boys' and girls' locker rooms, offices, weight room, press box, stadium lighting, grandstand seating and visitor bleachers.	$22 million	Aug. 2027
Governor Wallace Rider Farrington High	Phase II campus improvements: New three-story, multipurpose building with a gymnasium, music facilities, locker rooms and physical education spaces.	$60.7 million	May 2028

Updates on major construction projects

School	Project description	Contract amount	Completion date
Haʻaheo Elementary	New 23,584-square-foot multipurpose building with a library/computer lab and classrooms, along with campus renovations, covered walkways, parking and site improvements.	$21.1 million	Jan. 2027
High Core - Central District	New single-story, 5,700-square-foot building with classrooms and supporting educational spaces.	$9.8 million	Nov. 2027
Kahuku High & Intermediate	Renovations to locker rooms, restrooms and related facilities, including interior and exterior repairs, flooring, painting and accessibility upgrades.	$1.1 million	Sept. 2027
Kapaʻa High	Replacement of track and field facilities with a new synthetic track and turf field, fencing, utilities, storage and related improvements.	$7.5 million	Aug. 2027
Kealakehe Elementary	New two-story, 13,000-square-foot classroom building with four classrooms, special education spaces, an outdoor classroom, covered learning lānai, faculty workroom, offices and storage.	$16.1 million	Dec. 2027

Updates on major construction projects

School	Project description	Contract amount	Completion date
Kula Elementary	New agriculture and science classroom building with supporting utilities, drainage, landscaping, parking, access roads and site improvements at a location 4.3 miles south of campus.	$2.6 million	Feb. 2027
Maui High	Replacement of existing track surfacing, including site preparation, paving and related athletic facility improvements.	$1.9 million	Nov. 2026
Maui High	New 6,362-square-foot girls' athletic locker room and 1,814-square-foot multipurpose facility, with related site, utility and landscaping improvements.	$9.6 million	March 2028
President William McKinley High	New 17,396-square-foot athletic complex with stadium bleachers, field lighting, rooftop press box, locker rooms, weight training room, offices, storage and equipment room.	$38.5 million	Oct. 2027

Updates on major construction projects

School	Project description	Contract amount	Completion date
Mililani High	New single-story, 2,943-square-foot softball team facility with related site improvements.	$3.6 million	Nov. 2026
Molokai High	Gymnasium renovations to improve wind resistance and enable use as a hurricane shelter, along with emergency generator enclosures, covered walkways, elevators and upgrades to locker rooms, showers, training rooms and related facilities.	$18.7 million	Sept. 2027
Puʻuhale Elementary	Softball facility improvements for Farrington High athletics, including batting cages, fencing, field infrastructure, utilities, spectator amenities and support facilities.	$3.3 million	Jan. 2027
President Theodore Roosevelt High	New single-story, 8,169-square-foot music building with band and choral rooms, support spaces and related site improvements.	$15.5 million	Feb. 2028

Updates on major construction projects

School	Project description	Contract amount	Completion date
Waimea High	New single-story, 23,394-square-foot gymnasium with locker rooms, wrestling facilities, cheer space, weight training areas and parking improvements.	$35.4 million	June 2028
Waipahu High	New 2,500-square-foot modular office facility for Adult Education, with related site improvements.	$2.7 million	Dec. 2026
AINA Kitchen Network - Phase I	New 18,000-square-foot regional kitchen in Whitmore Village to modernize school meal preparation and increase the use of locally sourced ingredients. Designed to produce 12,000 meals per shift, up to 24,000 meals daily, with service to the Leilehua-Mililani-Waialua Complex Area expected to begin in fall 2027.	$32 million	June 2027
Wahiawā Center for Workforce Excellence	New three-story, 43,000-square-foot facility housing the Wahiawā Public Library, Department of Education offices, University of Hawai'i Community Colleges classrooms and labs, and an adjacent parking garage.	$74.6 million	May 2027

Updates on major construction projects



Governor Wallace Rider Farrington High School
Construction continues on a new three-story, multipurpose building that will house a gymnasium, music facilities, locker rooms and physical education spaces. The $60.7 million project is expected to be completed in May 2028.

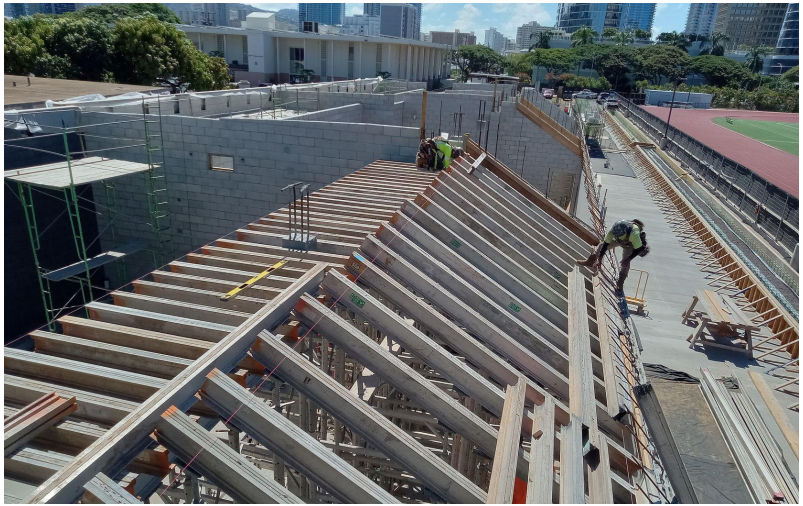


James Campbell High School
Work continues on a new $22 million athletic complex with locker rooms, offices, a weight room, press box, stadium lighting and bleachers. The project is expected to be completed in August 2027.

Updates on major construction projects



Kealakehe Elementary School
Construction is underway on a new two-story, 13,000-square-foot building that will provide additional classrooms, special education spaces and outdoor learning areas. Pedestrian bridges will connect the new building to existing campus facilities. The $16.1 million project is expected to be completed in December 2027.



President William McKinley High School
Construction continues on a new $38.5 million athletic complex with stadium bleachers, field lighting, a rooftop press box, locker rooms and training facilities. The project is expected to be completed in October 2027.

Updates on major construction projects



Haʻaheo Elementary School
Work continues on a new multipurpose building with a library/computer lab and classrooms, along with covered walkways, parking and other campus improvements. The $21.1 million project is expected to be completed in January 2027.



Maui High School
Work is nearing completion on a $1.9 million project to replace the school's track surfacing and make related athletic facility improvements. Completion is scheduled for November 2026.

Updates on major construction projects



Wahiawā Center for Workforce Excellence
Construction continues on a new three-story, 43,000-square-foot facility that will bring together the Wahiawā Public Library, Department of Education offices and University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges learning spaces. The project is expected to be completed in May 2027.



AINA Kitchen Network, Phase I
Construction is underway on the Department's first regional centralized kitchen in Whitmore Village. The 18,000-square-foot facility will support more efficient school meal preparation and increased use of locally sourced ingredients, with capacity to produce up to 24,000 meals daily. Meal service is expected to begin in fall 2027.

SECTION

B

Awards and Recognitions for Students, Employees and/or Schools

U.S. Presidential Scholars

Two scholars named from Kealakehe High



Daniel Chen
2026 U.S. Presidential Scholar
Kealakehe High School



Zachariah E. Smith
2026 U.S. Presidential Scholar
Career & Technical Education
Kealakehe High School

30th Annual National Career Academy Coalition

Model Academy



'Aiea High



Kapolei High

- **'Aiea High**
  - Academy of Innovation
  - Academy of Aspiring Professionals
- **Kapolei High**
  - Arts & Communications Academy
  - Law & Public Safety Academy
- **Molokai High**
  - Academy of Business, Innovation & Technology
  - Academy of Community Service & Sustainability

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Model Academy with Distinction



Kaʻū High & Pāhala Elementary



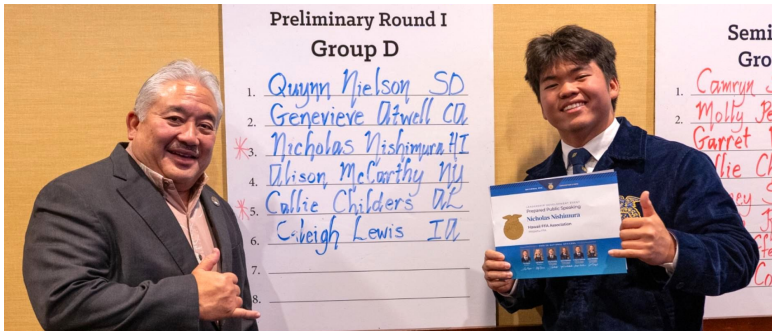
Molokai High

- **Kaʻū High & Pāhala Elementary**
  - Academies of Kaʻū (Elementary, Pre-Academy, Intermediate & High)
- **Molokai High**
  - ʻO Hina i Ka Malama
- **Highlands Intermediate**
  - Pre-Academies
- **Kailua High**
  - Ready to SURF Academy
- **Waikele Elementary**
  - Waikele Academy Pathway Program

Future Farmers of America



Kohala High and Kohala Middle schools.



Superintendent Hayashi and Waipahu High senior Nick Nishimura who earned his fifth consecutive national championship this year.

- Hawaiʻi earned 54 awards in national competitions
- 30 students in Academies of Natural Resources participated in the 99th Annual National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis in October.
- Agriscience Fair National Champions
  - Social Systems: Nicholas Nishimura & Lakeisha Quitog, Waipahu High FFA
  - Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems: Kotone Springer, Waipahu High FFA
  - Plant Systems: James Lau & Akima Matsuda, Kohala Middle FFA