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September 7, 2010

TO: The Honorable Garrett Toguchi, Chairperson
Board of Education

FROM: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent

SUBJECT: Discussion/Recommendation for Board Action on the Consolidation of Maunaloa
Elementary School (revised)

This revises my recommendation to you dated July 15, 2010, regarding the consolidation of Maunaloa Elementary School.

1. REVISED RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Maunaloa Elementary School not be consolidated.

2. RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon approval by the Board.

3. RECOMMENDED COMPLIANCE DATE (if different from the effective date)

Not applicable.

4. DISCUSSION

a. Conditions leading to the recommendation.

In my recommendation memorandum to you dated July 15, 2010, it was recommended that:

- i. Maunaloa Elementary School be consolidated administratively with Kaunakakai Elementary School, and that Maunaloa School continue to be operated under the direction of the principal of Kaunakakai School.
- ii. If essential repairs to the Maunaloa School facility are projected in the future to cost more than \$1,000,000, and the projected enrollment of the elementary schools on

Molokai is not expected to exceed the combined capacity of the Kualapuu, Kaunakakai, and Kilohana School campuses, the Department of Education undertake a study and make a recommendation on whether the Maunaloa campus should be closed and the students transferred to Kaunakakai School.

- iii. A weight of 0.54 for students in branch campuses be incorporated into the weighted student formula, to provide sufficient WSF funds to Kaunakakai School to operate Maunaloa School as a separate campus.

Subsequent to that memorandum, Complex Area Superintendent Lindsay Ball further discussed the recommendation with the principals of the elementary schools on Molokai and determined that, because of the distance from Kaunakakai to Maunaloa, a Kaunakakai principal would not be able to effectively supervise both schools.

Mr. Ball's memorandum to me dated September 3, 2010 is attached. My recommendation is based on the information contained in the task force study, the recommendations of the task force and complex area superintendent, and additional analysis set forth in my earlier memorandum dated July 15, 2010.

- b. Previous action of the Board on the same or similar matter

The consolidation of Maunaloa School was considered by the Board's Committee on Administrative Services on August 9, 2010. The committee deferred further discussion and action to the September 13, 2010 meeting.

- c. Other policies affected

None.

- d. Arguments in support of the recommendation

See above.

- e. Arguments against the recommendation

See the discussion in my recommendation memorandum dated July 15, 2010.

- f. Findings and conclusions of the Board committee

To be determined.

- g. Other agencies or departments of the State of Hawaii involved in the action

None.

- h. Possible reaction of the public, professional organizations, unions, DOE staff and/or others to the recommendations

See the discussion in my recommendation memorandum dated July 15, 2010.

i. Educational implication

See the discussion in my recommendation memorandum dated July 15, 2010.

j. Personnel implications

See the discussion in my recommendation memorandum dated July 15, 2010.

k. Facilities implications

See the discussion in my recommendation memorandum dated July 15, 2010.

l. Financial implications

See the discussion in my recommendation memorandum dated July 15, 2010.

5. OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

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Attachments:

Complex Area Superintendent's memorandum dated September 1, 2010

- c: Board of Education Members
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Lindsay Ball, Complex Area Superintendent
Randolph G. Moore, Assistant Superintendent