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★ Summit examining strategies for achievement

The DOE and Board of Education are hosting an "Education Summit" this weekend for educational administrators, School Community Council chairs and members, and business and community leaders who are education partners. The summit will be held on Saturday, August 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom.

The summit will examine gaps and inequities in education and Hawaii's unique challenges, and focus on strategies for widespread improvement that lead to student achievement.

Keynote speakers will be Kati Haycock, president of the Education Trust, and Raymond McNulty, senior vice president, International Center for Leadership in Education, and executive director of its Successful Practices Network.

In morning sessions, Haycock's presentation will cover "The Hawaii Challenge," and McNulty will address "The Changing World and Workforce." In the afternoon, Haycock will highlight "Schools That Are Making a Difference," and McNulty will prepare participants to "Anticipate the Future and Act Now."

DOE honors five schools for Title IX gender equity

The DOE honored five public high schools at a reception celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Title IX Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act on July 26 at Farrington High.

Farrington, Ka'u, Molokai, Waialua, and Waimea high schools received the "Gender Equity in Athletics Award" for outstanding efforts in achieving compliance and equity in their athletics programs.

Using innovative and creative methods to increase participation, the recognized schools increased the number of girls in their athletic programs and contributed to overall improvement of the statewide participation rate for girls in athletics.

Administrators, athletic directors, and students reflected on the occasion and the importance of Title IX:

- "I am proud of our coaches and athletic leaders who have helped our girls feel welcome and confident about participating in competitive sports."

– Catherine Payne, principal, Farrington High.

- "Simply by offering more programs we achieved equity. Students here at Ka'u love to participate. We just gave them the opportunity." – Kimo Weaver, athletic director, Ka'u High.

- "We have prepared the path of opportunity for any girl to participate and represent our school as equally as our boys. We are proud of our Menehune Girls!" – Jon Kobayashi, athletic director, Waimea High.

- "Without Title IX, I wouldn't have been able to do the one thing I loved to do the most, which is playing sports. I speak for a lot of girls here at Molokai when I say that sports were a big part of our daily lives in high school." – Kelsey Takashima, student, Molokai High.

- "I will be attending UH-Manoa in the fall on an athletic scholarship for track and field. If it wasn't for sports, I'm not even sure I would be going to college. Has Title IX benefited me? Yes it has!" – Sarah Nicolaison, student, Ka'u High.

Marilyn Moniz-Kahooanohano, senior woman administrator and associate athletics director, University of Hawaii, spoke about how Title IX affected her life and transformed athletics in Hawaii and across the nation.

Other remarks were given by Governor Linda Lingle, Superintendent Patricia Hamamoto, and DOE Gender Equity Advisory Committee Chairperson Mike Victorino.

Newest public school opens on Maui

The start of the 2007-08 school year is especially exciting for 328 K-5 students who have enrolled so far at the brand new Pomaika'i Elementary School in Kahului, Maui.

On their first day of classes on July 31, the students enjoyed the campus at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac and its three two-story, air-conditioned buildings. The school includes a library, student center, administration building, cafeteria, drama/dance lab with a mirrored wall, courtyard, basketball court, and unique mountain, wave, and sun design motifs.

Principal Rene Yamafuji, previously principal for 10 years at Kula Elementary, is incorporating art into the school's core curriculum. "School achievement and comprehension is greater when you add the arts," she told the *Maui News*.

Linda Holt, the school's reading resource teacher, also told *Maui News*: "By integrating the arts, children can learn other core subjects. You get the scores back, and you see the growth."

Maile Corpuz, school administrative services assistant who migrated with Yamafuji from Kula, said the school is working with the Maui Arts & Cultural Center to develop its arts and technology focus.

Pomaika'i Elementary, in the Maui Lani subdivision, is designed for 650 students on a single-track schedule, and 865 on multi-track. Initially, opening was planned for 204 students, but grew more than 60% as final boundaries were established. The new school relieves enrollment pressures at Lihikai, Wailuku, and Kahului elementaries.

☐ On the web: <http://pomaikai.k12.hi.us>

2007 TerraNova – National Norm-Referenced Test Hawaii Public Schools – Stanine Distribution

Grade 3	Math	26%	55%	19%
	Reading	27%	53%	20%
Grade 4	Math	26%	50%	24%
	Reading	25%	56%	18%
Grade 5	Math	23%	52%	25%
	Reading	22%	59%	20%
Grade 6	Math	27%	51%	22%
	Reading	22%	66%	12%
Grade 7	Math	26%	57%	17%
	Reading	29%	53%	17%
Grade 8	Math	24%	57%	19%
	Reading	21%	62%	17%
Grade 10	Math	25%	46%	29%
	Reading	23%	60%	17%
National Norm		23% Low	54% Average	23% High

★ Hawaii students about norm on TerraNova

The TerraNova assessment is a standardized achievement test that can be used to compare students' scores to those of all other students in the nation who take the test. It has replaced the Stanford Achievement Test as the norm-referenced test used in the Hawaii State Assessment. Most of HSA is a criterion-based test that measures how well students are doing in mastering the Hawaii Content and Performance Standards III for their grade-level.

McGraw-Hill's TerraNova, one of the nation's most popular norm-referenced tests, is also used by the Department of Defense and California schools.

Like the SAT, the TerraNova is designed so that 23% of those taking the test can be expected to score in the high percentiles, 54% in the mid-level or average percentiles, and 23% in the low percentiles.

In their first exposure to the new test, Hawaii's students in grades 3-8 and grade 10 had scores that were somewhat reflective of the national norm, and relatively consistent throughout the grade levels.

On the national norm, 23% are expected to achieve in the high percentiles. Hawaii grades and subject areas that exceeded the high-percentile norm were 4th grade math (24%), 5th-grade math (25%), and 10th-grade math (29%).

★ Essay contest to name 'Leaders for a Day'

Students in grades 5-12 are invited to submit 500-word essays in the 2007 "Leader for a Day" contest. Winners will be selected to shadow a government official for a day during the 2008 legislative session.

The essay prompt is: *What issue is the greatest concern to your community? If YOU were an elected official who could make policy changes, what would you do to address the issue and make your community better?*

One essay per contestant may be submitted by 4 p.m., September 14, to the office of Rep. Lyla Berg, State Capitol Rm. 324, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

Winners will shadow each legislator (51 representatives and 25 senators), the governor, lt. governor, each county mayor, and the DOE superintendent.

Calendar

BOE Meetings

Aug. 23 **Maui**
3:30 p.m. Pukalani Elementary

Sept. 6 **Central Oahu**
3:30 p.m. Moanalua High

BOE Committee Meetings

BOE Meeting Rm., 3:00 p.m.

Aug. 7 **Charter Schools**

Aug. 8 **Public Libraries**

Aug. 13 **Special Programs**

Aug. 14 **Regular Education**

Aug. 15 **Budget/Fiscal Account.**

Aug. 20 **Support Services**

Award Ceremony

Sept. 6 **Employee Service Awards**
1 p.m. State Capitol auditorium

Holidays

Aug. 17 **Statehood Day**

Sept. 3 **Labor Day**

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