WELCOME BACK

AUGUST 2025 Newsletter



ELEMENTARY

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Upcoming Events

- 8/4 Students' First Day
- 8/11 8/18 Gr. 1-5 i-Ready Diagnostic #1
- 8/15 Statehood Day Holiday
- 8/22 Complex PC Day #1
 Non-Student Day
- 8/25 Session 1 Afterschool Program and Afterschool Tutoring starts
- 8/27 PTC Request Form
- 8/28 Multicultural
 Open House at 5:30 pm
- 8/29 Panda Express Fundraiser
- 9/1 Labor Day NO School



Principal Hosoda's Message

Dear Pauoa Ohana,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! It's hard to believe summer is over, but we are already off and running. It's great having all the students back on campus because they create an environment filled with energy and excitement!

Also, we have two new faces on our staff this year. Our kindergarten teacher, Ms. Leila Cambra and myself. We just wanted to thank everyone for being so welcoming and accommodating during our transition to Pauoa.

A couple of things to note coming up. Our Multicultural Open House is scheduled for August 28, 2025 from 5:30-7:00 pm. Then on August 29, 2025, we have a virtual fundraiser with Panda Express. More information to come as the date approaches.

Finally, our theme for this year is "Working together to make Pauoa an even better place." We want to work with each other, our neighbors, our community partners and all key stakeholders to help us move Pauoa forward.

Let's make this an amazing school year!



Teachers' First Day



Starting the year with encouragement and connection!















thank you!

Mahalo to our Alumni's who come back to support Pauoa!

Mrs. Carol Chun,

A big mahalo to you and Kolby for donating school supplies to our school. We're so fortunate to have caring Alumni's as you and Kolby. Kolby, have a great Sophomore year!

Thank you so much!!



Mrs. Lori Fujita, Thank you for donating school supplies to our school. We appreciate it! Seiya and Jun, have a wonderful school year!





Mrs. Claire Sato,
Our gratitude for your donation
gift of \$500.00 to our school.
We cannot thank you enough for
thinking of us. Aloha!

thank you!

Mahalo Grandma Nohea for your Box Top Receipts to help Pauoa Elementary.

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Ellie Takase-Iwami for the Tim Tam treat! So Yummy!



Mary Ann Yokoyama for donations of name tag clips, paper clips and office supplies. It helps to keep us organized.



FUNDRAISER FOR Pauoa Elementary School





Friday, August 29, 2025
Place your order for pickup
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August 29!



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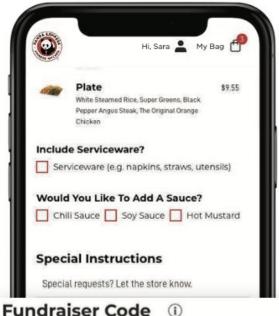
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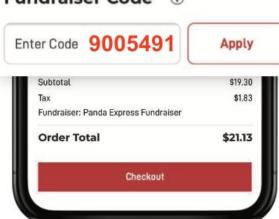
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Ordering Online for Fundraisers



We're excited to feed your supporters and give back to your organization with your upcoming Panda fundraiser! Here are some helpful steps on how your community can order online through **PandaExpress.com** or our **Panda Express App**.







- 1 Go to PandaExpress.com to "Order Now" or open our Panda Express App to "Order".
- Choose "Pickup" and select a pickup restaurant, or choose "Delivery" and input your address for options.

Note: Orders placed through other apps will not count towards your fundraiser.

- Add all your Panda favorites to your order, like our Original Orange Chicken, Broccoli Beef, and Chow Mein!
- Input your unique fundraiser Online
 Ordering Code in the "Fundraiser Code"
 section and click "Apply" in the red box.

Note: Fundraiser Code is applicable to your online order for your event date, up to a week ahead of time.

Confirm your code has been applied by checking that your organization name is displayed. Click "Checkout" and provide payment information.

If you have additional questions, email us at FundraiserCenter@pandarg.com and our community team will be happy to help!

Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana!

Welcome back! To our new students and families, welcome to our 'ohana! We hope everyone had a great summer having fun and making memories. Your Pauoa Ohana Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) has been hard at work all summer planning for the new school year.

Here are just a few of the activities and events the school and Pauoa Ohana PTA are planning this first semester. We look forward to building community with you all there!

August	Open House
	Panda Fundraiser
October	Pumpkin Carving
November	Movie Night

There will be multiple opportunities this year for families to support the school and the Pauoa Ohana PTA in various ways, whether it be volunteering your time, supplying donations, participating in activities, or just spreading the word. We welcome your support.

We are also looking for parents to join our PTA group. We'd like to have family members from each grade level so while all parents and guardians are welcome, we are looking for members from our 5th grade families specifically.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 12 at 5:00 pm in the library.

Officers, SY 2025-2026 (and childrens' grade level):

President	Michelle Takai (2)
Vice	Diane Lau (2)
President	
Secretary	Loke Lees (3)
Treasurer	Diana Gabonia (K/2)
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We are so excited for the new school year and can't wait to see you all at Open House!

Please email Please email Please email.com <a href="PauoaDhanaPTA@g

Hellos Kindergarten

Ms. Cambra (D2), Mrs. Hamada (D3), Mrs. Salcedo (D4)

Welcome to Kindergarten and our Pauoa 'Ohana!!

We hope you all enjoyed your summer and are excited for a school year full of "firsts"! Kindergarten is such a momentous time in your child's life as they will build the foundations for learning and create friendships and memories that we hope they can look back on as an exciting time in their beginning school years. We are excited for the adventures we will journey through together as a class. We were so happy and grateful to have met most of the students and families during Kindergarten Testing. We wanted to also thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come to our Kindergarten Orientation on campus. We thank you for your continued patience and understanding and look forward to an amazing family partnership. We look forward to a great school year!







Ms. Cambra



Mrs. Hamada



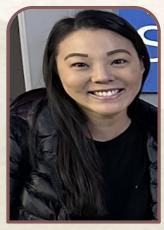
Mrs. Salcedo

Effellor FIRST Grade

Mrs. Sanbei (B3), Ms. Bierwert (B4), Ms. Keith (B5)

Welcome back first graders! We are so excited to see everyone. We hope you had a fun and relaxing summer. We are looking forward to another exciting and engaging school year. During the month of August, we will be learning rules, expectations, and safe practices in school. We will be having our first i-Ready diagnostic test starting August 11th, so make sure your child gets good sleep and eats a nutritious breakfast! We will also be hosting an Open House on August 28th to discuss first grade curriculum and expectations. Your child will also be assigned a cultural project that will be displayed during Open House (more information will be sent home with your child). Thank you in advance for your support this school year!

Aloha, First Grade Team



Mrs. Sanbei



Ms. Bierwert



Ms. Keith

Cyfellos Class! SECOND Grade

Mrs. Obayashi (C2), Mrs. Rickard (C3), Mrs. Guzzardo (C4)



Mrs. Obayashi

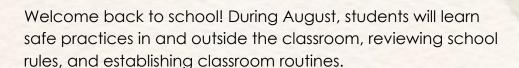


Mrs. Rickard



Mrs. Guzzardo

Greetings Grade 2 Families ,



Parents and guardians, teachers need your support to be sure your child is completing work at home. Students are required to turn in their homework. Please sign your child's planner and check in your child's homework folder daily for important papers and announcements. Please sign and return all papers in the Opening School Packet.

Tips to be safe and successful in second grade:

- Have your **child sleep early** every night to keep a routine
- Parents and guardians, please sign your child's planner daily
- Read every day for at least 15 minutes
- Please complete homework every night and turn it in the next day.

Sincerely,

Grade 2 Teachers ©

Mrs. Obayashi, Mrs. Rickard and Mrs. Guzzardo,

Cyfellor THIRD Grade

Mrs. Wong (D6), Mrs. Chanhboury (D7), Mrs. Lau (D8)

Aloha Families,

We welcome you and your child to third grade! During the first month of school, we will set our classroom/school expectations; introduce rules/routines and safety procedures with our students. As we continue into the first quarter, we ask that students continue to display these actions and meet expectations. Our goal is to have our students to come to school ready to learn and become responsible individuals.

We are looking forward to working with you this school year!

In addition, here are some friendly reminders.

- Please review and sign your child's planner daily.
- Statehood Day Holiday on Friday, August 15th NO SCHOOL
- PD Day on Friday, August 22nd NO SCHOOL
- Multicultural Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 28th from 5:30pm-7pm
- Panda Fundraiser on Friday, August 29th

Thank you! Grade 3 Teachers ©



Mrs. Wong



Mrs. Chanhboury



Mrs. Lau

Cyfellor FOURTH Grade

Ms. Chung (B8), Ms. Takesue (B10)





Aloha 4th Grade Families!

Welcome back to school! We are excited for a fun and successful year ahead. For the first time, your child will be switching classes for several subjects:

- Ms. Chung (B8): Science & Writing
- Ms. Takesue (B10): Math & Social Studies
- Homeroom Teachers: Reading, Language Arts, Health, & Art

Please support your child by encouraging good study habits. It's especially important for your child to keep their **backpack**, **planner**, **and homework folder organized**. Students are responsible for recording all homework in their planners and getting a **parent signature daily**. The planner will be our primary form of communication. You may also reach us at:

amanda.chung@k12.hi.us mia.takesue@k12.hi.us

Specials (PE, Hawaiian Studies, Computer Science)

- Wear covered shoes (not Crocs) for PE
- Starts week of August 18
- Rotates every 6 days

<u>Cafe Monitor Expectations (about once a month)</u>

- Wear covered shoes (no Crocs)
- Hair tied up or in a bun
- Short sleeve or sleeveless top
- No cold-like symptoms or open cuts

Mahalo for your partnership—let's have a great year together!

Ms. Chung & Ms. Takesue

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FIFTH Grade

Mrs. Takahashi (C8), Ms. Zeng (C9, Ms. Shigezawa (C10)

FIFTH GRADE NEWS FLASH

Welcome back 5th graders!

Let's make your last year at Pauoa your most memorable year! We have an exciting year planned. For the first time in many years, we are going to Camp Erdman in November for 3 days and 2 nights! We also have a field trip in September to the Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum.

We are going to have an amazing school year together. Our goal is to help all students to become independent and resourceful learners in preparation for middle school. That being said, we kindly ask for your support in encouraging your child to complete all assignments independently and by the due date. Promoting this attribute of self-directed learning will increase self-accountability and take initiative for their learning.

Our partnership with parents is vital to the success of every child. You may contact us through email or by phone with any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you.

Your Fifth Grade team, Ms. Zeng, Ms.Shigezawa, and Mrs. Takahashi



Mrs. Takahashi



Ms. Zeng



Ms. Shigezawa

affellos class!

Resource Teachers



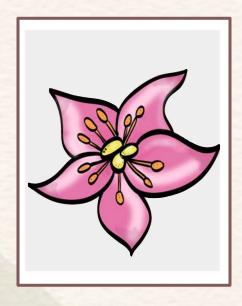
Ms. Shigematsu FSC Teacher



Ms. Hezekia PreK Teacher



Ms. Sinchak Gr. K-1 Resource Teacher



Gr. 2-3 Resource Teacher



Ms. Oyama Gr. 4-5 Resource Teacher

Cyfellos Class! FSC Resource Teacher



Ms. Shigematsu FSC Teacher

Welcome back to a new school year!! My name is Ms. Jasmine Shigematsu better known as Ms. S. It was great seeing some of you during our Meet and Greet. I am so excited for the start of my 12th year here at Pauoa teaching students in grade levels K-5.

This year, for the students in my class, drop off and pick up will be at our classroom B-1. Everyday a Communication Book will be sent home to give daily updates on your students and any upcoming events that are happening. Please initial daily to show that you have read the Communication Book. Please check your child's backpack daily for any important documents needing attention.

During this month, we will be focusing on getting familiar with our new grade levels, classroom routines, and important places around campus.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Ms. S



Cyfellos closs! Pre-K Resource Teacher



Ms. Hezekia PreK Teacher

Aloha families and happy August!

I am so happy to be here at Pauoa Elementary School and can't wait for an awesome school year with your children. In the Pre-K classroom we focus on the children's social emotional, communication and development of appropriate behaviors in the classroom. This foundation aids in the child's ability to help them in their academic career.

Here's some things we are focusing on this month:

- 1. Letters A to D (One letter a week)
- 2. Book Study (One Book a week)
- 3. And other various topics such as About Me, Families, etc.

As a reminder, please have your child stay home if exhibiting any signs of illness including runny nose (any greenish color), coughing, fever or unusual behavior that indicates illness.

Thank you so much and see you all soon.,

Ms. Kanoe



Cyfellos Closs! Gr. 4-5 Resource Teacher



Ms. Oyama Gr. 4-5 Resource Teacher

Aloha B7 Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! During the month of August, we will start off our year by getting to know each other, building routines, and taking our iReady Diagnostic test. Then we'll be diving into our ELA, OG Phonics, and Math programs. Please check their planners daily for information and homework.

I'm looking forward to a great year with everyone!

Thank you parents for your support. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mahalo,

Ms. Oyama



SPECIALS

New Schedule

Specials will now be on a 6-day rotation starting with Grade 1 on Monday Aug. 18th.

Please check our school calendar for you child's specials day. They must wear shoes and bring a refillable water bottle for PE.

Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland



Mr. Sutherland

Aloha Pauoa Parents and Students,

I'm excited to welcome you all back to a new school year. While we will continue to use code.org as our basic coding instruction platform, we are expanding our curriculum to include computer design and function, network systems, computational data analysis, and the social impacts of computing. In practical terms, this means students will have more hands-on experiences with robotics, integrated circuits, and Scratch project programming, providing them with a comprehensive understanding of both the hardware and software aspects of technology. Our computer instruction at Pauoa follows the standards laid out by the Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA), ensuring a high-quality education that prepares students for future academic and career opportunities. By exploring network systems and computational data analysis, students will learn about the infrastructure that enables global connectivity and the techniques used to interpret data. Additionally, the exploration of the social impacts of computing will encourage students to think critically about the ethical and societal implications of technology. We look forward to an exciting and productive year of learning and growth in computer science.

Physical Education: Mr. Asuncion

Aloha Pauoa 'Ohana, My name is Joven Asuncion, and I'm glad to say that I will be the PE teacher again this school

year. Children in the lower grades will start off the year working on the main locomotor skills which are walking, running, jumping, hopping, sliding, skipping, etc., as well as staying in their own personal spaces. Students in the upper grades will start with getting their base scores for the FitnessGram assessment which is a tool that measures a student's fitness in five areas: aerobic capacity, body composition, flexibility, muscular strength, and muscular endurance. These scores will be kept the entire year and we will see if and how much each student improves throughout the year.



On the day of their PE class, please have your child come prepared by wearing shoes, comfortable clothes, and bringing a filled water bottle. I look forward to exercising with all of you. Let's have a great year!!!

Hawaiian Studies: Kumu Imada



Aloha mai kākou, I am Kumu Imada. I am excited to coninute Hawaiian studies at Pauoa. I will use Nā Hopena A'o ("HĀ") as a framework while incorporating grade level standards in each lesson. This will give students another opportunity to practices the skills they are learning in their core subjects.

Students will enter a space where we'll explore Hawaiian mele (song), mo'olelo (storytelling) and 'Ōlelo (language). This year's goal is to get students exploring and working with their hands to help deepen their knowledge of Hawai'i and Pauoa.

I can't wait for your child to share with you what they learned in Hawaiian Studies!

Overall, this year will be amazing as all three specials subjects will collaborate together to make this year's learning more engaging. Check back for announcements our first school event coming soon!

Title 1/ Curriculum Coordinator

Welcome to a new school year! For those who I haven't met yet, my name is Mrs. Lisa Nakamura and I am the Curriculum and Title 1 Coordinator. This is my 9th year at Pauoa and my 5th year in this position. If you see me on campus, please stop me and introduce yourself. I would love to meet you!

Please fill out the Free and Reduced Price Meal application form either online (highly encouraged) or hard copy. 1 application per family.

• Apply for Free & Reduced Meals **online** at <u>ezmealapp.com</u>



(Make a note of the date and confirmation number after you submit your application)



Mrs. Nakamura & her son Kikaha

- Or, fill out the hard copy that was sent home at the beginning of the school year.
- If you include your email address in your application, the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) will send you an email regarding your status within 10 business days.

Data from the application form is used to determine our school's Title I eligibility. Title I eligibility is crucial for our school as it provides funds to help all students achieve. If you need assistance, please call our Office. The due date to submit your form will be in early/mid September. I will let you know the exact date when it comes out.

Title 1

Pauoa is currently a <u>Title 1</u> school. Here is some information to help you understand what <u>Title 1</u> is. If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know!

Purpose of Title 1, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)

• A Title 1, Part A grant is to provide <u>all</u> children with a significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps. (ESEA 1001)

Title 1/ Curriculum Coordinator

Title 1 Eligibility

- Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) Title 1 eligibility is determined by the percentage of students qualifying for free and reduced-priced meals.
- Thank you for completing the Free and Reduced Price Meal application form this school year. You are helping our school with our Title 1 eligibility requirements for next school year, 2026 2027.
- Title 1 eligibility will benefit **all** students at Pauoa.

Title 1 Funds at Pauoa School provide:

- After School Tutors
- iReady program
- Amplify Science (Gr. K 5)
- DIBELS Assessment and materials
- Instructional and student materials for Math and Language Arts
- Professional Development for teachers
- One-to-one devices for students (iPads)

More information to be shared at our upcoming Open House on Aug. 28. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me.

Take care and stay safe, Mrs. Nakamura lisa.nakamura@k12.hi.us



Student Services Coordinator



Mrs. Nguyen

Welcome back to school Pauoa Students and Families! I'm so excited to see all the wonderful things you all will achieve this year, parents included! Let's work together, celebrate our progress, and embrace every learning opportunity. Remember to be kind to yourselves and to each other, and know that every effort, big or small, counts!

I'm truly looking forward to connecting with each of you and making this a successful and joyful school year. I am here to help and support any way I can.

Mrs. Nguyen =)



Counselor

I would like to welcome new and returning students back to school. I'm so excited to see everyone. I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing summer with family and friends.

I'm looking forward to an amazing and successful 2025-2026 School Year.

Mr. Uetake



Mr. Uetake

ELL/MLL Coordinator

English Language Learners/Multilingual Learners

Welcome back! Here's to a fresh start full of learning and growth! Screening for potential ELLs is currently in progress. The initial/annual EL parent notification will be sent home before the end of August. Don't forget to return the "acknowledgment" (attachment B.1) page to your child's teacher.

The ELL/MLL parent orientation is planned for September. Please stay tuned for more details.



Mrs. Newton

Parent Involvement

Our Multicultural Open House will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. See you there!

Virtual Panda Express Fundraiser is on Friday, August 29, 2025.

Order at PandaExpress.com or Panda Express App. Don't forget to input the fundraiser code 9005491. Please click the Landing Page and Fundraising Online Ordering Guide.

Thank you for all your support!

Sincerely, Mrs. Newton



Health Aide

Yaaaaaaaay, you made it through the start of a new school year!! Congratulations! Hopefully you're feeling rejuvenated and excited to have seen familiar faces and connected with new ones.

I am Mrs. Ladines (la-dee-ness) and I am Pauoa's spirited, nurturing, cheerful, dance grooving, dedicated Health Assistant. I am located in the office.



Mrs. Ladines

Your little ones will be sent to me if there are any health related concerns - illness, injury, medication, self-care, etc. Please maintain current phone numbers should a call need to be made. If your keiki(s) does need to be sent home, please adhere to the instructions from the SCHOOL.

Communication is a priority at home, before school, with the Teachers, and Staff to provide the best care for your loved one(s). Please have discussions with your off-spring each morning to ensure he/she/they are WITHOUT symptoms. Thermometer temperatures of 100 *F or higher is a fever and MUST be kept away from school, and may not return until after 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication. Please use common sense - if symptoms are present and may possibly distract your child/ren's learning, please call in their specific absence. If you are unsure, please come and see me to check before dropping off.

If you feel your keiki(s) may need to have medication during school hours, please come to speak to me regarding their situation. Students are not permitted to bring, hold, carry or share any medication (including O.ver <u>T.he</u> C.ounter and cough drops) throughout the school day and excursions.

Accidents do happen and there are a limited number of items to borrow in the Health Room. However, there are NO underwear, socks or shoes. Please promptly wash, dry and return loaned items for others to use.

Mahalo for choosing to be part of our Pauoa 'Ohana and entrusting us with your loved one(s). See you around!!!

Educational Assistants

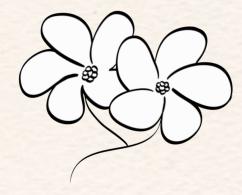


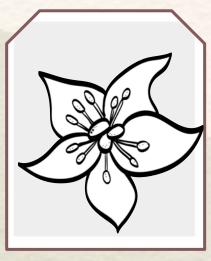
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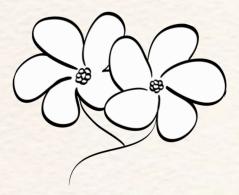
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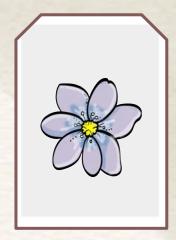
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Chad Cook/Baker



Karen Cook/Baker

Custodial Staff



Shane **Head Custodian**



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Jonard Sub Custodian

Lunch Supervisor



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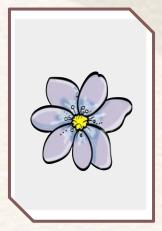
Front Office



Mrs. Oshiro SASA



Mrs. Tanoue
Office Assistant



Mrs. Fraga-lino
Part-time Office Assistant



Mrs. Ramirez Meal Count Assistant

We're so excited to start a new school year. The office is a special place so, come and visit us if you need help or have any questions. Let's all have an amazing school year!

Mrs. Oshiro, Mrs. Tanoue, Mrs. Fraga-Lino & Mrs. Ramirez.

Free & Reduced Meals SY 25-26

It's that time of year again! IF you haven't already done so, please try to apply online at ezmealapp.com Only (1) application per family. This will help toward our Title 1 funding if you qualify.

BOX TOP for EDUCATION

Please visit https://www.boxtops4education.com Box Top have gone digital! Download the Box Top for Education App from the app store and scan your receipts within 14 days from purchase. It's quick and easy Front Office



LOST & FOUND

Please label all your personal items such as jackets, hats, and hydro flasks etc with the student's name so we can return them to their rightful owners. STICKERS are NOT labels as we can't identify who to return lost items to. During office hours we will leave the items outside our office on the cart. Unclaimed items will be discarded after a period of time.



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HIDOE will not tolerate retaliation for reporting discrimination and/or harassment on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability, and will take steps to protect those who wish to report the harassment. Please direct inquiries regarding HIDOE nondiscrimination policies to: Section ADA/504 inquiries Krysti Sukita, ADA/504 Specialist Civil Rights Compliance Office Hawaii State Department of Education P.O. Box 2360 Honolulu, Hawaii 96804 (808) 586-3322 or relay crco@notes.k12.hi.us

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