

December \_\_\_, 2010

Kalani Complex Area Superintendent Calvin Nomiya,  
The Honorable Garrett Toguchi and  
Members of the Board of Education  
Hawaii Department of Education  
Honolulu District Office  
4967 Kilauea Avenue  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

Re: Opposition to Consolidation of Kalani Complex Elementary Schools

Dear Superintendent Nomiya, Chairperson Toguchi and Members of the Board of Education:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and my child(ren) attend(s) Queen Liliuokalani School ("QLS"). I am strongly opposed to the closing of QLS and consolidation of Kalani Complex Elementary Schools. Closing QLS is **not** in the best interests of the students.

QLS provides quality education in a safe environment, and my child(ren) are part of a family there. Everyone at QLS knows the teachers, staff and students. I strongly oppose the closure of QLS for the following reasons:

- 🍏 My child(ren) is/are learning successfully at QLS. Forcing my child(ren) to change schools would be extremely disruptive to his/her/their education. My child(ren) would be separated from his/her/their classmates and from a concerned community of caring teachers and staff that know my child(ren) and have helped him/her/them thrive.
- 🍏 Several members and/or generations of my family have attended QLS and we consider QLS a part of our family. Closing QLS would extinguish a special connection my child(ren) share(s) with our family members.
- 🍏 I live/work nearby and the closure of QLS would be a significant hardship on my family. We can walk to school now, but it would not be safe to walk to any school farther away.
- 🍏 QLS has a unique history and place in the State of Hawaii. Queen Liliuokalani, the school's namesake, had a passion for Hawaii's children and their education. Closing QLS sends a terrible message about the importance our society puts on education today.
- 🍏 I believe that the people of the State of Hawaii have expressed their desire to see decisions of this magnitude made by an appointed Board of Education. I respectfully request that the Board of Education defer any decision on this action until after the Governor has the opportunity to make his appointments.

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I urge you not to close Queen Liliuokalani School and vote "no" to consolidation of Kalani Complex Elementary Schools.

Sincerely,

Name:  
Address: