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June 2010



Parent advocates, **Melanie Bailey** and **Kathy Bryant** celebrate the end of Furlough Fridays with Senator Sakamoto.



Acting Superintendent of Education **Kathryn Matayoshi** address the crowd at the Press Conference to announce that all 17 “Furlough Fridays” scheduled for the upcoming school year will be eliminated.

Plan to End Furlough Fridays

Governor Lingle, along with the Board of Education, Department of Education and the Hawaii State Legislature, and Hawaii’s local banks announced a plan to end Furlough Fridays.

The agreement was made possible by a partnership between the State, teachers and the major banks in Hawaii. The plan calls for the use of:

- \$57.2 million from the Hurricane Relief Fund
- \$2.2 million in federal funds for charter schools
- 6 planning days the teachers have given up in order to convert them into instructional days
- \$10 million interest free line of credit from local banks if additional funding is necessary

As stated in my Island Commentary (October 29, 2009 Honolulu Star Bulletin), I was “confident that there is an approach to funding that will address the varied concerns of our state government, the DOE, our teachers, parents and students. I am equally confident that with real leadership and a focus on what is best for our children; our community will find that solution.”

We are grateful that all parties involved have reached a solution to return our students to the classroom for the entire upcoming school year. We are especially appreciative to the banking community for their generosity.

**Schedule of
Community Meetings
June & July 2010**

Neighborhood Board Meetings

Aiea NB No. 20

Monday, June 14, 7:30 PM, Aiea Library Conf. Room
Monday, July 12, 7:30 PM, Aiea Library Conf. Room

Aliamanu/ Salt Lake/ Foster Village NB No. 18

Thursday, June 10, 7:00 PM, Oahu Veterans Center
Thursday, July 8, 7:00 PM, Oahu Veterans Center

Kalihi-Palama NB No.15

Wednesday, June 16, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, July 21, 7:00 PM
Kapalama Elementary School Cafeteria

Community & School Associations

Moanalua Gardens Community Association

Tuesday, June 1, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, July 6, 7:00 PM
Moanalua Middle, Room B2

Aloha Aina Earth Day at Moanalua High School

Recycling Community/Clean-Up/Fundraiser

Saturday, June 5

8:00 AM-2:00 PM
Moanalua High School Student Parking Lot (near the fire station)
For more information call our office, 586-8585
or Rep Glenn Wakai's office, 586-6220



The Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association (AFCEA) Hawaii honored Senator Sakamoto with the **Senior Government Leader of the Month Award**.



Congratulations to the **Moanalua High School Judo Team** for their efforts in capturing the 2010 Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) Championship title. A special recognition goes to **Brady Lafortune** for winning four straight judo titles!



Senator Sakamoto congratulating the Olelo Youth Xchange award winners from **Lunalilo Elementary School**.



Congratulations to the **Moanalua High School Mock Trial Team**, the 2010 Hawaii State High School Mock Trial competition champions!

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