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DEPT. OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS CUTS

Aloha!

We recently learned of the very unfortunate news that the Department of Education has decided to cut many bus routes across the state of Hawaii due to budget cuts. As currently planned, approximately 2,000 students across Hawaii will be affected – and roughly one-tenth of total cuts are to take place in the Campbell Complex of schools, including the entire current bus service of Ewa Makai Middle School. I find this unacceptable.

I believe the Department of Education could be doing more to reduce costs and to better use its existing funds. **Please see Page 3 of this newsletter for my letter to the Department of Education.**

My office will keep Leeward families posted on this matter as it progresses. Please give my office a call at 586-9730 or email me at reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov with questions on this or other matters important to you.

REPAVING OF FT. WEAVER ROAD: AN UPDATE FROM HDOT

The current resurfacing project on Fort Weaver Road runs from Renton Road to Ewa Beach Road. The work ends at Renton Road because the section between Geiger Road to Farrington Highway have previously been widened and repaved.

The resurfacing is an extension of a previous two-phase project. Phase One widened and repaved Fort Weaver Road from four to six lanes in each direction, from Farrington Highway to Aawa Drive completed in 2006. Phase Two widened and repaved Fort Weaver Road from four to six lanes in each direction, from Aawa Drive to Geiger Road. This project was completed in 2009.

Currently, there are no plans to extend the repaving any further than Ewa Beach Road. However, there is always ongoing pavement maintenance and pothole patching in the area at all times.

If there is a pothole problem you can report the location to the DOT Maintenance Branch at 831-6714.

EWA BEACH FIRE STATION RELOCATION

In response to a constituent request, Chief Kenneth Silva of the Honolulu Fire Department has informed my office of the following:

"The Honolulu Fire Department is awaiting completion of the new Ewa Beach Fire Station in the Ocean Pointe Development. The last report provided by the Department of Design and Construction estimated the completion to be in mid-July 2012, however, it is our understanding that the contractor may be having difficulty meeting that schedule. **We are hoping that the new station will be ready for occupancy by the end of the summer.** As for the disposition of the current Ewa Beach Fire Station, the HFD will continue to maintain the facility as a remote tactical training facility until the Kalaeloa Tactical Training Facility is completed."

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRINCIPAL ED OSHIRO OF EWA MAKAI MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR BEING HONORED IN WASHINGTON DC!

Principal Ed Oshiro attended the National Green Ribbon Ceremony in Washington D.C. to accept the Green Ribbon Schools Award from the U.S. Department of Education.

He had the opportunity to share Ewa Makai's innovative programs with other educators including student presentations at green conferences across Hawaii, students authoring a green resolution for the State Legislature and green alternatives the school's facility has adapted to. We are proud of you, Ed!



Principal Oshiro with Senator Daniel K. Akaka

ADOPT-A-SCHOOL DAY OCTOBER 14

On Hawaii's 5th Annual Adopt-A-School Day, participating groups will put in a day's work at various Hawaii schools to serve the needs of each institution. In 2011, volunteers assisted 119 schools by beautifying campuses, implementing new school programs, offering career skills training, providing donations and more.

If you are interested in helping out this year, please contact Hawaii Jaycees by August 5th. You can fill out the volunteer registration form at <http://adoptaschoolday.org/completion-form/2011-initial-participation-project-description-form>. For more information, please contact info@adoptaschoolday.org or 728-0799.

EWA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE REQUESTS YOUR HELP!



The Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee is looking for volunteers to help organize the **2nd Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair on September 8th, 2012.** People of all backgrounds and experiences are welcome to help out – no preparedness expertise is necessary to get involved!

If you're interested in volunteering, please call Rodney Boucher at 286-1669. For more details on the fair, please contact getreadyewabeach@gmail.com.

**SEE JULY 2012 NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT:
LETTER TO DOE REGARDING BUS ROUTE CUTS**

“REP. PINE’S INBOX”



Representative Pine’s office receives many phone calls, emails and letters on a daily basis from constituents with questions and concerns about things happening in the community and State Capitol.

To make communicating even easier and more effective, we recently launched “Rep. Pine’s Inbox”, a video series in which Rep. Pine responds to your questions and concerns via email each week. We are also posting legislative updates and job openings in our email. If you have a question for Rep. Pine or a concern about something in the district, please contact our office. If you are not yet on our mailing list, you can join by calling at 586-9730 or by emailing a request to reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov.

VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

We are looking for students, retirees, political science majors, and anyone else interested in volunteering for the Office of State Representative Kymberly Pine. If one prefers to stay in the district, duties such as assisting the Representative at community events and meetings are also appreciated. For Boy Scout and Girl Scout volunteers, earning points by collating and prepping monthly newsletters can be coordinated with staff and done in the district or at the Capitol.

Rep. Pine will continue to execute surveys with residents by email and mail on a regular basis. Assistance from volunteers, whether it be for just a few hours a month or by the week, helps residents stay informed on issues and may offer the Representative direction on votes to be cast.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering or interning at Rep. Pine’s office or in her district, please call our office at 586-9730, email reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov or visit Room 333 at the State Capitol. Mahalo!

JOIN REPRESENTATIVE PINE’S EMAIL LIST AND STAY CONNECTED

Throughout the year, Rep. Pine generates surveys to poll the sentiments of her district. To participate in surveys, email a request to be added to the list at:

RepPine@capitol.hawaii.gov

Once you are on the list, you will receive updates on community and legislative events and notices from various state and city departments to help residents navigate through construction zones and other issues of importance. For monthly newsletters, links to videos and messages posting important announcements, visit:

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