



The Senate

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May 1, 2020

Ms. Phyllis Unebasami
Deputy Superintendent
Department of Education
1390 Miller Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Ms. Unebasami:

At the April 30, 2020 meeting held by the Senate's Special Committee on COVID 19, following discussions on the Department of Education's efforts to feed and educate all its student populations during the pandemic, you were asked to provide the following:

- In working with the vulnerable and homeless student population, there are many nonprofit organizations that are willing to help. Please provide us a copy of your written plan for this student population so that we may pass it out to those who would like to assist.
- What is the total cost to DOE for the purchase or use of E-Learning or other items which will be used to reach this vulnerable student population?
- Please advise us of your decision and plan to keep feeding the student population between May 28 and June 4, 2020.
- Please provide this committee an accounting of DOE's cost savings, whether electricity or bus savings; if you've had to use these savings for anything else and explanation of how it was used, as well as proposed budget cuts you may propose.

The Committee requests your response by Monday, May 4, 2020.

As for responses that you receive from the various parties listed in this memo, please provide this Committee with a copy of their responses, if any, as soon as they are received.

Please email your response to all Senate Special Committee COVID-19 members. Should you have any questions, please contact Dane Wicker at 586-6639 or via email at d.wicker@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Mahalo,

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