



STATE OF HAWAII
BOARD OF EDUCATION
P.O. BOX 2360
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June 16, 2020

VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Special Committee on COVID-19

Re: Notice of Pending Board of Education Action on Board Resolution directing the Department of Education to prepare for the reopening of public schools for the 2020-2021 school year amid the COVID-19 global pandemic; urging school communities to Give Hope, Act with Kindness, and Work toward Togetherness; and authorizing Board Members to represent the Board of Education in mid-term bargaining of collective bargaining agreements

Dear Senator Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate Special Committee:

As you may be aware, at its June 18, 2020 meeting, the Board of Education ("Board") will consider adopting a resolution relating to the reopening of public schools for the 2020-2021 school year amid the COVID-19 global pandemic. The draft resolution and the memorandum explaining it are available here:

boe.hawaii.gov/Meetings/Notices/Meeting%20Material%20Library/GBM_20200618_Action%20on%20Resolution%20directing%20school%20reopening.pdf.

Should the Board adopt the resolution in some form, I will transmit the final copy to you. If you would like to provide input on the resolution for the Board to consider at its upcoming meeting, please submit it to testimony.boe@boe.hawaii.gov by the morning of June 18, 2020.

Thank you for considering this matter and your ongoing contribution's to Hawaii's recovery.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Payne".

Catherine Payne
Chairperson