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There is a skills gap and industries are challenged with finding skilled workers to fill their vacant positions. One way to keep our local graduates is to create **live**, **learn**, **work**, **play** models where each school complex strategically aligns its curriculum to workforce readiness so students have the option to become college-ready or career-ready.



The National Security Agency/Central Security Services (NSA/CSS) Hawaii in Whitmore Village is a job center near the Leilehua Complex. NSA Hawaii can employ up to 3,000 employees, and are in need of a skilled local workforce that can fill vacant positions. Recognizing the need for skilled employees, the NSA/CSS is partnering high schools across the nation to prepare local graduates to fill civilian positions.

I have been working with the NSA/CSS Hawaii, Office of Naval Research, Department of Education, Honolulu Community College, and Leilehua Complex to create a K-12 cybersecurity pathway in the Leilehua Complex. Graduates of this pathway will be able to be employed by the NSA/CSS Hawaii and live, learn, work, play in their communities.

Students enrolled into the cybersecurity pathway are not only limited to employment with the NSA/CSS Hawaii. Major industries including health, energy, and finance are in need of employees skilled in cybersecurity to protect their companies' confidential information. According to the Cyber Innovation Center, there are 380,000 cyber security jobs that need to be filled right now, and that number is projected to grow to 1 million jobs by 2020. We must prepare our students now so they are ready to fill those vacancies.

Captain Cliff Bean who has been the Commander for NSA/CSS Hawaii and a close partner, will be leaving his post in Hawaii. I look forward to working with incoming NSA/CSS Commander, Captain Boswyck D. Offord and his staff to ensure the Leilehua Complex creates a cybersecurity pathway. Their continued partnership provides many opportunities for Leilehua students.



## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## WAHIAWA COMPLEX R&M PRIORITY LIST FOR FY 2017

SCHOOL	PROJECT	(\$)
Helemano Elementary	Reroof Building G	\$330,000
Iliahi Elementary	Replace Campus Fencing	\$130,000
Wahiawa Elementary	Reroof Building H	\$163,000
	Miscellaneous R&M	\$12,000
Wheeler Elementary	Replace Campus Waterlines	\$400,000
	Miscellaneous R&M	\$40,000
Wahiawa Middle	Interior Renovations Building J	\$130,000
	Reroof Building L & Replace Storm Louvers	\$21,000
	Miscellaneous R&M	\$4,000
Wheeler Middle	Reroof Building I	\$128,000
	Rebuild Freezer Building H	\$85,000
Leilehua High	Reroof & Repair Buildings S,FF, L & Y	\$538,000
	Resurface Driveway Parking	\$346,000
	Reroof Building X	\$229,000
	Reroof Building O	\$188,000
	Reroof 3 Portables	\$65,000
	Reroof Building L	\$6,000
TOTAL		\$2,815,000



**(Left)** Senator joins Agribusiness Development Corporation Chair, Tish Uyehara and Senator Mike Gabbard at the Sugarland Summer Harvest. In attendance were representatives from the Department of Agriculture, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Wahiawa non-profits, and the local community.

(Middle) Sugarland Farms is also growing red bell peppers on the 1,200 acres that is owned by the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Increasing local food production is critical to import replacement.

(**Right**) Senator speaks to attendees of the Whitmore Project Summer Harvest on the history of the Galbraith Estate and the historic moment of the harvest. Since the last pineapple harvest by Del Monte Foods in 2004, it was the first time in twelve years that there was agricultural production on these lands.