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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Pcola_Davis	Individual	Comments	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

NICOLE MCCLELLAN - Board of Education

Aloha and get ready for your opportunity to participate in making our public schools, great public schools for all of Hawaii's keiki. Be prepared for long hours. Prior to every meeting you will need to put aside some personal time to read the minutes and ALL written testimonies. During the meetings you will be actively listening to oral testimonies from your constituents. It is important to know that your Board membership comes with high expectations from the public. Part of this includes holding the Department of Education accountable. Be ready to ask questions for clarity from all presenters on the agenda. It is a very important job you are undertaking with its ups and downs. Thank you for accepting the nomination.

- Community Building
- Internal and external communications
- Launched Queen's Facebook Page
- Developed Strategic Plans and implement Strategic Business Plans
- Oversee hospital Metrics to ensure alignment with hospital's strategic goals.

April 13, 2022

Senate Committee on Education

Aloha e Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

Mahalo for this opportunity to discuss my nomination to the Board of Education, and to seek your advice and consent.

I accepted the Governor's nomination to the Board of Education because I am deeply committed to the success of both our children and our island home. I believe the work of the BOE is critical, and it has generational impact. As a mother of three young keiki - two of whom currently attend a DOE school - and someone who has benefitted from a DOE elementary education, serving on the Board of Education is deeply personal.

The DOE exists for the benefit of all keiki. As the nation's only statewide educational system, we have the unique ability to guarantee equity across all public school learners and to reduce barriers to accessing the tools and resources our keiki need to ready themselves for their futures in a fully digital world. If I am confirmed to the BOE by the Senate, I will place an added emphasis on reducing these barriers to access.

My decade of service at The Queen's Health Systems and my current role in serving the nearly 100-year-old mission of Shriners Children's Hawaii has helped me to see firsthand how barriers to accessing quality healthcare can deeply impact our children and families. Similarly, barriers to accessing quality education continue to be an ongoing challenge for many of our keiki and 'ohana. Through my work in building relationships with those in the business, community and political sectors, we've moved the needle on a number of key initiatives to help address healthcare access issues across our state. There are already phenomenal programs and partnerships at the DOE that emulate these kinds of partnerships and pathways. If I have the honor of serving on the Board of Education, I am looking forward to using my experience to promote these successes at the DOE, to learn from them, and to grow them across the islands.

As legislators, you enable the good work of the DOE with generous funding, sound policies, and tremendous intellectual and community resources. I am committed to keeping lines of communication open so that we can continue to work collaboratively together in advancing the good work of our public schools for the benefit of our children.

Thank you again for your consideration of my nomination. I humbly ask for your support and consent of my nomination to the Board of Education.

Me ka ha'aha'a,



N. Makana McClellan



WAIKĪKĪ IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

**Testimony of Rick Egged
Waikīkī Improvement Association**

Before the

The Senate Committee on Education

Tuesday, February 9, 2021. 8:30am

**In consideration, of the Nomination N. Makana McClellan to the Board of Education.
Governor's Message No. 802**

Aloha Chair Kidani. Vice Chair Kim and member of the Committee,

My name is Rick Egged, President of the Waikīkī Improvement Association (WIA). The WIA is a membership organization consisting of landowners, hotels, retailers and restaurants in Waikīkī, the businesses that serve them and those interested in the future of this important part of our community and economy.

WIA strongly supports the nomination of Makana McClellan to the Board of Education. Ms. McClellan has years of community and business experience that will be of the utmost value in providing leadership and policy guidance to the Board of Education. Her communication experience brings an important skill set to the board.

Hawaii has a unique statewide Department of Education. I speak from the prospective of a proud graduate of Waipahu High School. The success of our public school system is of vital importance to the community. Education is the key building block of Hawaii's future. A strong diverse economy starts with an energetic well educated population.

The most significant way to diversify Hawaii's economy is to make our education system world class. Confirming Makana McClellan is a strong step in the right direction.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Rick Egged

President of Waikīkī Improvement Association

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ivan Lui-Kwan	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

I support without reservation Makana McClellan's nomination to the Board of Education. She is dedicated toward making Hawaii a better place in which to live. She believes strongly in the importance of education in creating healthy communities in Hawaii. I believe that she will serve on the Board of Education with distinction because of her love of Hawaii and her commitment to a bright Hawaii future through a strong education system.



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David Miyashiro
Executive Director

April 13, 2022

Committee on Education
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair

Aloha Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and Members of the Committee,

HawaiiKidsCAN supports GM802, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, NICOLE MCCLELLAN, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Founded in 2017, HawaiiKidsCAN is a local nonprofit organization committed to ensuring that Hawaii has an excellent and equitable education system that reflects the true voices of our communities and, in turn, has a transformational impact on our children and our state. We strongly believe that all students should have access to excellent educational opportunities, regardless of family income levels and circumstances.

The Hawaii State Board of Education (BOE) is a critical organization for public education in Hawaii, with significant responsibilities that include the selection of a new state superintendent for the Hawaii State Department of Education (DOE), the approval of a new strategic plan, and oversight of the DOE to ensure students are recovering from learning loss exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Given the magnitude of issues facing the public education system, BOE members should be able to critically review data presented by the DOE, set a policy agenda that the DOE, legislature, and community partners can rally around, and look holistically at how schools are preparing kids for great careers and lives in Hawaii.

We enthusiastically support the nomination of Nicole Makana McClellan, as we believe she will bring empathy for families, fresh perspective, and strategic thinking and expertise. As the mother of young children in DOE schools, she understands firsthand the challenges facing families in these tumultuous past few years. Similarly, her experience in the healthcare field, a sector that has also faced numerous difficulties during the COVID-19 pandemic, is critical. These combined experiences make her an expert in community engagement, trust-building, and transparent communications in

times of crisis. This is incredibly important, as a key frustration from families, educators, community members, legislators, and BOE members has been the lack of consistent and clear information from the DOE, including learning about key decisions via local media rather than official memos.

Ms. McClellan would serve on the BOE at a critical time, with the selection of a new DOE superintendent and leadership team, new governor, and millions of dollars in federal support funds lapsing. As the BOE considers a new strategic plan, with the last plan expiring in 2020, the last three years will have a tremendous impact on the next decade of public education and student outcomes. Her extensive experience as an executive and community leader will be incredibly helpful, as she will guide the board to think holistically, ask tough questions, and look for new partners who can support our public education system.

As a Native Hawaiian woman, Ms. McClellan will help to increase representation on the BOE, and her background indicates that she will pay close attention to the outcomes of Native Hawaiian children and prioritize closing opportunity gaps.

Lastly, her background in healthcare is more important than ever, as the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated existing family stressors, with more children experiencing trauma and mental health crises than ever before. Ms. McClellan can help push the BOE and DOE to take a more comprehensive approach to mental health supports, and potentially engage new community partners in this effort.

Mahalo for your consideration,

David Miyashiro
Founding Executive Director
HawaiiKidsCAN



April 11, 2022

Re: GM 802

Support for Nicole "Makana" McClellan's nomination to the Hawaii State Board of Education

I am writing to share my strong support of Makana McClellan's nomination for a three-year term to the Board of Education. I know Makaka from her past service as a volunteer Board member for Hawaii Children's Action Network. She is a passionate advocate for children, a strong community leader and a proud public school alumnus. I know she will bring her top-notch communication skills, deep community ties and willingness to push for transparency and strategic improvement to this new role.

Sincerely,

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Deborah Zysman
Executive Director

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Submitted on: 4/12/2022 1:27:46 PM

Testimony for EDU on 4/13/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Leo	Testifying for Shriners Children's—Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and the members of the Senate Committee on Education,

I would like to submit my strong support of Nicole "Makana" McClellan as she seeks a position on the Board of Education. She is an exceptional candidate and someone who possesses extensive experience in uniting people of varying backgrounds in the pursuit of common goals. She honors and respects her predecessors, while passionately building upon previously laid foundations; and, possesses intelligence and will that manifests itself through a deep understanding and compassion for people. I feel that these qualities would serve our Hawaii, our keiki, and our public schools well. In my professional interactions with Makana, I've found her to be a person of sound leadership and judgement; someone who prioritizes listening and understanding, as well as someone who executes plans and holds accountability to those plans. Makana is someone who is always looking to find ways to be better and to hone in on areas of opportunity. She is someone who carefully considers how she can add value to any process.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Mark P. Leo

Vice-chairman, Shriners Children's—Hawaii

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY
Senate Committee on Education

GM802 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, NICOLE MCCLELLAN, for a term to expire 06-30-2025

Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 3:00 pm, Rm 229 & Videoconference

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) offers testimony in **SUPPORT** of GM802, which nominates Nicole Makana McClellan to the Board of Education for a three-year term.

Ms. McClellan has a wealth of personal and professional experience from which to draw upon. She is currently the director of business development and community relations at Shriners Children’s Hawai’i. Prior to this, she worked for a total of nine years at The Queen’s Health Systems – first as a corporate communications coordinator, and then as a public information officer. She is also a dedicated community volunteer, having served in leadership roles within various organizations like the Aloha Festivals and the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. Furthermore, Ms. McClellan also has the valuable perspective of being a mother to three young keiki, two of whom are enrolled in a Department of Education school.

Accordingly, the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement urges the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Nicole McClellan to the Board of Education. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Respectfully,

J. Kūhiō Lewis, CEO
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement



‘Apelila 12, 2022

Senate Committee on Education
Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair
Senators Donovan Dela Cruz, Dru Kanuha & Kurt Fevella
RE: GM 802 Nicole Makana McClellan, nomination to Board of Education
Hearing Date 4/13/2022 3:00pm

Aloha nui Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Mercado Kim and Senate Education Committee members Dela Cruz, Kanuha and Fevella!

I am so thankful for the opportunity to support the nomination of Nicole Makana McClellan (Makana as I know her) to the Board of Education for the term to expire on June 30, 2025. My name is Hailama VKK Farden, Pelekikena (President) of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

Makana will be an excellent addition to the Board of Education. Her clear thinking and strong communication and organizational skills will prove to be an asset to the workings and culture of the Board of Education.

In her capacity as a member of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Makana is a member of the Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club; and serves as the Association’s Director of Communication – a critical position in which I rely on her expertise and advice. She is also chair of the Community Relations Committee of the Association of Hawaiian Civic clubs; a committee on which the Association heavily depends with regards to interagency and community engagement.

Considering the depth of knowledge and experience in which Makana is engaged, I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Nicole Makana McClellan to the Board of Education.

Me Ke Aloha!

Hailama V.K.K. Farden, President
The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs



April 11, 2022

Aloha Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Mercado Kim, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

I am writing you today to express my strong support for Makana McClellan to become a member of the Hawaii Board of Education. An exceptional person, community leader, and mother, Makana embodies the values and spirit that is necessary to guide and hold our islands' most precious assets: our keiki.

As a school founder and leader, Makana is the type of persona and professional that I feel we need shaping policy and leadership at the highest levels of our public education system. I believe she will make an exceptional board member and leader for our children, schools, families, and communities across Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AT", is positioned below the text "Mahalo nui for your consideration,".

Alex Teece

Founder, CEO

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April 11, 2022

Committee on Education

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair

Aloha Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim and Members of the Committee

The Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club supports GM802, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, NICOLE MAKANA MCCLELLAN, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

The Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club is a member of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs which is a National Organization that was started by Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana`ole. Our mission is education and to provide scholarships for Hawaiian young adults. We strongly believe that all students should have access to excellent educational opportunities, regardless of family income levels and circumstances.

We enthusiastically support the nomination of Nicole Makana McClellan. Nicole is a very bright enthusiastic individual that is a great problem solver. She is a dedicated individual with a very positive outlook in dealing with complex situations with outstanding communication skills. She is very involved in our Community, in her Children's School, their education and Organizations that gives her a very wide lens of looking at situations with a very thoughtful way of problem solving. She is very dependable and will pay close attention to the outcomes of ALL our Children in Hawai'i. Her extensive experiences with the organizations that she has leadership positions with as a volunteer and the impressive professional experiences that she brings along will definitely be helpful to the Board of Education and the Department of Education. She will absolutely be able to ask the hard questions and because she has strong Communications skills, and has crisis communications background, is great in relationship management, a vast experience in internal and external communications will be very successful in reaching out and bringing in new partners who can support our public education system. I am a Kupuna in the Department of Education teaching Kindergarten through Sixth Graders of almost 300 students a week. I think a person like Nicole Makana McClellan is really an asset to the Department of Education bringing along her team supervision and development skills.

Our Club this year introduced a Resolution URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS, IN ADDITION TO IMPROVING THE OVERALL CONTINUUM OF THEIR MENTAL HEALTH CARE AS IDENTIFIED IN THE RECENT U.S. SURGEON GENERAL'S (Vice-Admiral Dr. Vivek Murthy, MD, MBA, HHS.gov) ADVISORY, (December 7, 2021). This effort will support our passionate belief that it takes the community to succeed towards building strong future for our children, adolescents, and young adults. With the assistance of our entire community, their involvement will assure us of a better and brighter futures for all who live in Hawai'i Nei. This also shows we should strive to move from mental health issues and disabilities to mental wellness as we have all learned through the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. McClellan is a strong supporter of this resolution.

Hawai'i needs someone like NICOLE MAKANA MCCLELLAN to serve on the Board of Education. Nicole Makana McClellan will not disappoint you. Mahalo for your consideration.

Very respectfully,

Antoinette L. Lee, Immediate Past President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, The Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club, Aloha Festivals Parade Chair, President of the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame and The Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band

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Testimony for EDU on 4/13/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malinda Toa	Testifying for Mastercare	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Board of Education serves as an integral member of public education in Hawaii. As a Home Health organization, Mastercare supports community at all levels. Nicole Makana McClellan has been a valued member of the Mastercare Board of Directors for the last 3 years. While her experience and knowledge on community issues, engagement, and advocacy are easily contributing factors to Mastercare's support of her nomination, it is her innovative, execution style approach to solutionizing problems that we feel will be of significant value to the board of education if nominee, Makana McClellan is confirmed. We support this nomination and know she will serve with passion, integrity, fortitude and grace - as has been our experiences with her as a member of our board.

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Submitted on: 4/12/2022 6:54:29 AM

Testimony for EDU on 4/13/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reyn Kaupiko	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Committee Members,

I am writing in support of Mrs. Nicole Mclellan for this position on the Board of Education. She is actively involved in our community as a leader, civic steward and youth mentor. The qualities she will bring to this board will help broaden its depth of understanding our Hawaii.

Mrs Mclellans background in healthcare is a perfect complement to that of the educational needs for these young individuals. She has a proven track record of success in her personal life and professional life. It is without a doubt Mrs. Mclellan is the ideal candidate for this position.

Aloha,

Reyn Kaupiko

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Submitted on: 4/11/2022 9:26:09 PM

Testimony for EDU on 4/13/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tyler Iokepa Gomes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and Memers of the Committee,

I write in my personal capacity in **STRONG SUPPORT** for the nomination of Nicole Makana McClellan to the Board of Education.

I have known Makana personally for the last twenty years since our time together at Kamehameha Schools and have proudly watched Makana grow into a role model for our community. Her experience over the last decade in community development and communications make her an ideal candidate for the Board.

While not an educator like other members, I believe Makana's keen eye for detail, execution, compliance, and organization will be welcome skills in addition to her valuable perspective, which I believe offers balance to the Board. I have personally worked alongside Makana in our capacity as Board Members of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce.

As a Native Hawaiian mother of three incredibly akamai keiki, I know Makana possess the empathy and understanding necessary to ensure a vibrant future for all Hawai'i's keiki in the public school system and all those utilize the public library system.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Tyler Iokepa Gomes

April 11, 2022

RE: GM802 Board of Education Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Nicole Makana McClellan

Dear Chair Kidani and Vice Chair Kim,

I would like to unequivocally support Ms. Nicole Makana McClellan as she seeks a position on the Board of Education. She possesses multiple qualities that make her an exceptional candidate including integrity, leadership, and compassion. I have known Ms. McClellan for 15 years and have interfaced with her in the non-profit sector. I have had many opportunities to collaborate with Ms. McClellan on initiatives during her prior role as a corporate communications specialist. I can attest to her authenticity when dealing with those afflicted by illness and her calm demeanor when experiencing times of crisis.

As a surgical oncologist, caring for others in need is a top priority and she shares that mission. I was born and raised in Hilo and attended public school throughout my primary and secondary levels of education. I value and respect what the Board of Education has done for me and my family; all my three boys have attended public school in Honolulu.

I can honestly say that in all my years of interfacing with stakeholders throughout Hawai'i, Ms. McClellan is someone that has earned my high(est) regard. I wholeheartedly trust her to play a vital role in the well-being of our keiki.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Shane Y. Morita, MD, MS, PhD, FACS

April 12, 2022

Aloha Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and Members of the Committee,

I, Keala Awana, supports GM 802, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, NICOLE MCCLELLAN, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

As a parent, whose two kids, are currently in the public education system. I am here to ensure that the education they receive are not only at the highest standards possible, but supported and represented by those who have similar beliefs and standards. Every child in our state, regardless of family income, should have the same educational opportunities as the other. And it is our representatives, on both, the Hawaii State Board of Education and Department of Education who have the responsibility to ensure this.

For the last 20+ years I have had the privilege to call Nicole Makana McClellan a friend and I am honored to support her nomination to the Board of Education. As far back as I can remember, Nicole, has always been organized and forward thinking. Serving on our alumni class board together, I have experienced first hand how instrumental she is in creating, communicating and executing ideas she envisions for our class. As much ideas as she would throw out, she was quick to come up with solutions. I've never known Nicole to make a decision or do something just to get it done or check it off her to do list. Instead she's researching, gathering any and all related information, so that she's able make the most well informed decision possible.

As a mother of young children in the public schools system, Nicole, understands the many challenges, not only our schools are facing, but that of our families. Nicole has experienced firsthand the hardships that many families and kids have faced in trying to do online learning during the pandemic. The sacrifices that many families had to make in order to work and provide, while figuring out childcare due to kids schooling from home. All of this, while having no clear direction by our State and Department of Education officials. Nicole is also in the healthcare field, a sector that experienced first hand the negative affects of the pandemic. She was faced with many difficulties, called upon by leadership daily, asking for plans/solutions to what they were facing that day. Nicole will always give praise to her team, as should be, but it's her previous leadership roles and execution of tasks that have lead to her leadership trusting her and her decisions.

I believe Nicole Makana McClellan is highly qualified and should be confirmed to the Board of Education. Not only does she bring a new/fresh perspective, but her strategic thinking and attention to detail are assets imperative to this position. Her experiences during these times of crisis have proven her ability to communicate effectively within the community and have built trust in her amongst her fellow employees and leaders. And

because she is a parent within the public school system, she is able to empathize with fellow parents as they are going through the same experience.

Nicole is a Strong, Intelligent, and Beautiful Native Hawaiian Woman! Her leadership and experience will bring great representation to this board and the people of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Keala Awana

Senate Committee on Education
Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 3:00pm
Conference Room 229

RE: Testimony of Rebecca Soon in **SUPPORT**
GM802 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of
Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, NICOLE MCCLELLAN, for a term to expire
6-30-2025

Aloha nui e Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

I am writing today in strong support of Nicole “Makana” McClellan to serve on the State of Hawai‘i Board of Education, GM802.

I have known Mrs. McClellan since we were young adults at Kamehameha Schools, where she was and continues to be one of the most expert connectors, relationship builders, and consensus builders. Makana has a unique talent for helping people feel heard and their voices included, even when an idea is not necessarily advancing. She makes people feel valued and important everywhere she goes, and it is no surprise that she has developed such critical experience in health care, helping to serve the needs of our keiki and their families during difficult times.

In working with Makana in a number of community projects, I have come to know her as someone who is deeply thoughtful about where she chooses to commit her time. When she does, she gives of herself, her time, and her talents in abundance. She will do the hard work required of our commissioners and help navigate complex decisions that are ultimately in the best interests of Hawai‘i’s youth.

I greatly appreciate Makana’s willingness to serve our community and our future leaders in this capacity and urge the support of the Senate in her confirmation. Her ability to help all our education stakeholders feel heard and valued – *from students to teachers, to administrators and parents, as well as to the Legislature and our community* – is a rare skill that I have no doubt will prove to be invaluable for the important work ahead for our Board of Education.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony and support.

Me ka ha‘aha‘a,



Rebecca Justine ‘Iolani Soon

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diane Paloma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a parent of three DOE children, I fully support N. Makana McClellan for this position in lending a voice as a parent, citizen, and mother to the Board of Education. MAHALO.



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April 11, 2022

This letter is intended to serve as a reference for Makana McClellan relative to her application to serve Hawai'i as a member of the Hawai'i State Board of Education.

Mrs. McClellan currently serves Shriners Hospitals for Children-Honolulu as the Director of Business Development. Shriners Hospitals for Children- Honolulu has a nearly 100-year history of serving the keiki and families of Hawai'i. Mrs. McClellan exemplifies the Mission of Shriners Hospitals and would extend that attitude of service to the whole of Hawai'i through her selection to the Hawai'i State Board of Education.

Throughout her career, Mrs. McClellan has expertly navigated many of the challenges facing business in healthcare today earning recognition as a leader in business. As a graduate of Kamehameha Schools, she understands the value of education rooted in community. She is an active member of her community and commits a considerable amount of her time and talents to engaging the cultural, economic, political and community spirit of Native Hawaiians.

Mrs. McClellan has been a strong voice for Hawai'i throughout her career and within the Shriners International Healthcare System. I strongly support and recommend her appointment to the Hawai'i State Board of Education. .

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Becker DNP, RN, NEA-BC
Hospital Administrator, Interim
Director of Patient Care Services/Nurse Executive
Shriners Hospitals for Children-Honolulu

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