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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
and Members of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker
and Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the annual report, Local Meals, pursuant to Section 27-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). In accordance with Section 93-16, HRS, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at: http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/VisionForSuccess/SchoolDataAndReports/StateReports/Pages/Legislative-reports.aspx.

Sincerely,

Keith T. Hayashi
Superintendent

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Annual Report on Local Meals

December 2022

Section 27-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Hawaii State Department of Education to annually report on its progress toward percentage of food purchased that is local.

Local Meals Legislative Report

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) School Food Services Branch in the Office of Facilities and Operations reports the total cost of food purchased during the preceding year through October 2022 was $50,518,995.61.

The percentage of fresh local agricultural products and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products purchased was 6.2%. The Department is on track to meet the January 1, 2025 benchmark of a minimum of 10% of total food purchased as measured by the percent of total food cost.

For future legislative sessions, the Department will report the data by school year to track its progress toward providing a minimum of 50% locally sourced foods to Hawaii by 2050.