

WILLIAM NOBUO ARAKAKI

PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY

“Try not to be a man of success but rather try to be a man of value.” “Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.” Albert Einstein

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1992 - 1993	University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii Hawaii Department of Education Administration Certificate
1977 - 1979	University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii Bachelor of Education, Secondary Health
1976 - 1977	Leeward Community College, Pearl City, Hawaii
1974 - 1976	Cuesta Community College, San Luis Obispo, California
1970 - 1974	Aiea High School, Aiea, Hawaii Hawaii Department of Education High School Diploma

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020 - Present	Hawaii State Board of Education, Kauai Representative
2007 - 2020	Kauai Complex Area Superintendent
1999 - 2007	Waimea High School Principal
1996 - 1999	Kapaa Middle School Vice Principal
1993 - 1996	Kapaa High School Vice Principal
1992 - 1993	Wilcox Elementary School Cohort Intern Vice Principal
1990 - 1992	Kauai High School Acting Vice Principal
1988 - 1990	Kauai High School Alternative Learning Center Teacher
1980 - 1988	Waipahu High School Special Motivation Teacher
1979 - 1980	Kailua High School Remedial Reading Teacher
1978 - 1979	Kailua High School Student Teacher

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

2022 - Present	National Association of State Boards of Education Member and Early Literacy/Learning Work Group
2002 - Present	American Association of School Administrators Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development National Federation of High Schools

1999 - 2020	Kauai Interscholastic Federation Board
1999 - 2020	Hawaii High School Athletic Association Board
1990 - Present	National Association of Secondary School Principals Hawaii Association of Secondary School Principals
1997 - Present	Hawaii Association of Middle School Principals
1979 - 1993	Hawaii State Teachers Association

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

2022 - Present	Kaulu I Ka Pono Academy Board
2019 - 2022	Kauai Adolescent Treatment and Healing Center Board
2018 - Present	Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM)/Athletes As Leaders (AAL)
2016 - Present	Kauai Fatherhood Council
2014 - 2020	Blue Ribbon Adolescent Drug Treatment and Healing Center Advisory Committee Domestic Violence Task Force Kauai Community Health Improvement Initiative Kauai Drug Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement Task Force Kauai Suicide Prevention Task Force Mauka to Makai, Bully Free Kauai Committee
2012 - Present	Kauai Economic Development Board – Education Committee Kauai Educational Leadership Alliance (KELA) Keiki to Career – Executive Committee & Leadership Council
2008 - Present	Kauai Big Brothers and Big Sisters Board of Directors Kauai Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors Kauai Community Children’s Council Kauai Planning and Action Alliance – Education Committee Kokee Discovery Center Association Board
1988 - Present	Boy Scouts of America Adult Leader Volunteer
1999 - 2007	Waimea Alumni and Friends Foundation Board Waimea Action Voice for Education/PTSA Board Waimea High School Community Council Board Waimea Project Graduation Board West Kauai Community Development Corporation Board
1997 - 1999	Kapaa Middle School PTSA Board Kapaa Middle School Community Based Management Council
1993 - 1997	Kapaa High School PTSA Board Kapaa High School Community Based Management Council Kapaa High School Alumni Foundation Board Kapaa High School Project Graduation Board
1992 - 1993	Wilcox Elementary School PTSA Board Wilcox Elementary School Community Based Management Council
1998 - 1992	Kauai High School PTA (PAIRS) Kauai High School Football Boosters Board

1980 - 1988 Kauai High School Project Graduation Board
 Waipahu High School PTA Board
 Waipahu High School Athletic Boosters Board

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND HONORS

2018 *Cornerstone of Achievement Award – Achieve3000 – Hawaii
Literacy All-Star Celebration*

2017 *Commitment to Students Literacy Success Award – Achieve3000
– Hawaii Literacy All-Star Student Celebration*

2016 *Professional of the Year – The Special Parent Information Network
(SPIN)
Kauai Boys Scouts of America Volunteer of the Year – BSA Aloha
Council
Crisis Leadership & Decision Making for Elected Officials –
Department of Homeland Security, FEMA*

2015 *Hawaii Leadership Award – Achieve3000*

2014 *Innovative Readiness Training – Tropic Care Kauai – The County
Council of Kauai
Partner in Education Award – Achieve3000*

2013 *Recognition of Student National Achievement Award - HIDOE*

2012 *Award of Excellence – County of Kauai Mayor & Life’s Choices
Kauai Prevention, Enforcement, Treatment & Community
Integration Committee
Design Thinking Bootcamp – Design Thinking Hawaii & Public
Schools of Hawaii Foundation
Cognitive Coaching Foundation Supporting Leadership Through
the Habits of Mind – The Institute for Habits of Mind & Thinking
Collaborative*

2011 *Outstanding Ally of the Kauai LGBT Community – PFLAG Kauai
& Lambda ALOHA*

2010 *Champion of Education Award – Educational Excellence –
Achieve3000 – Hawaii Literacy Leadership
Power of Technology Cornerstone of Achievement Award –
Achieve3000*

2005 *Kauai District Secondary Education Excellence Award*

2002 *Hawaii State Secondary Principal of the Year Nominee
Kauai District Secondary Principal of the Year*

SCHOOL AWARDS AND HONORS

1999 - 2007 *Department of Education School Inspection Excellence Award*

2001 *Blue Ribbon Outstanding Hawaii State Secondary School of the
Year – Waimea High School*

- 2001 *Hawaii Governor's Team of the Year Award – Waimea High School Custodial Staff*
- 2001 *Department of Education Team Excellence Award – Waimea High School Custodial Staff*

REFERENCES

- Ronald Kouchi *Hawaii State Legislative Senator and President*
[REDACTED]
- Margaret Cox *Former Hawaii Board of Education Kauai Member*
[REDACTED]
- Daniel S. Hamada *Kauai Complex Area Superintendent*
[REDACTED]
- Mahina Anguay *Waimea High School Principal*
[REDACTED]
- Corey Nakamura *Wilcox Elementary School Principal*
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BELIEF STATEMENT

I am a proud product of the Hawaii State Department of Education. The teachers, coaches and administrators together with support from family and friends transformed me into the person I am today. I believe significant adults in the Hawaii Public School System had a great influence on my life, in the classroom and on the athletic field. I am proud to be a graduate of the Hawaii Public School System and I dedicate my life to helping students succeed as did my teachers, coaches and administrators.

I believe that every student, parent, faculty, community and business member must prioritize what is important in their life to have a clear focus and direction. My priorities are spiritual beliefs, family, education (school/career) and sports (personal goals). Spiritual beliefs instill a foundation of morals and values; the family is a support system of these values; education is a tool to enhance the opportunity for success in one's career or life choice; finally, sports and personal goals fulfill attainment of my aspirations. Each priority integrates and builds upon each other and has direct influence on success or failure.

Every student, parent, faculty, community and business member can become life-long learners and reach their aspirations in life. The difficulty is finding the connection to bring about change. The self-directed and highly motivated individual will always succeed. It is the "silent majority" and "high risk" population who need the extra assistance and inclusive learning environments to promote success.

Discipline and perseverance keeps everything together for success to occur. Discipline brings structure to chaos. Perseverance is never giving up and always coming back when there is a challenge. A teacher, coach, or administrator cannot get to content or plays, etc. without discipline. A student or player cannot succeed without perseverance.

In summary, I believe everyone can learn and learning takes place depending on what approach is used. A clear focus and direction will lead to success. The ethical and moral values that are supported by family also lead to the attainment of one's goals in education, career and personal fulfillment. The glue that keeps everything together is discipline and perseverance. It is my passion to dedicate my life to helping all students, faculty, partners and stakeholders to work together in attaining personal and community goals and aspirations.

Being on the Hawaii Board of Education for one term allowed me to continue the journey to make Hawaii's Educational System the best for our students, communities and the State of Hawaii. With the development and implementation of the Hawaii Strategic Plan for 2023 - 2029 and the opportunity to reapply to be on the Hawaii Board of Education is the inspiration of my belief statements.