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Scott Parker

Nomination to the
Hawaii Teacher
Standards Board

Scott K. Parker, Nominee
Hawai`i Teacher Standards Board
Written Statement in Response to Questions

- 1) I was actually informed that a vacancy existed on the Hawai`i Teacher Standards Board through one of my professors with the University of Southern California. She put me in contact with a representative of the HTSB who shared information, expectations, requirements, etc. I then consulted with my Complex Area Superintendent (CAS) about the Board as she served as a member until her appointment as CAS. Through this process my interest in serving as a board member grew, and I was humbled that the opportunity presented itself.
- 2) I believe I am qualified to hold a position as a Board member on the Hawai`i Teacher Standards Board given my 14 years of experience as a teacher and administrator in both public and private educational institutions in Hawai`i. That, in combination with my education (and soon to be completed work in my Doctor of Education degree), puts me in a position whereby my talents, knowledge, and experience can help facilitate positive change and support to the Board and education in Hawai`i. While serving as Principal at Jefferson Elementary School in Waikiki, I have worked hard with my staff to impart a culture of continual growth and forward progress – and that is evident in our school’s success in raising student achievement and facilitating student growth in an ever changing and demanding environment. Furthermore, my 13 years of experience with the Hawai`i Air National Guard, 6 of which have been as a Non-Commissioned Officer, allow me to impart perspectives, processes, and dialogue that encourages innovation, supports professional growth, and recognizes achievement. Finally, three qualities that make me a highly qualified candidate are my core values: Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in all I do. These values are true to the way I work to conduct myself not only professionally, but personally as well. Doing the right thing, even when no one is looking; ensuring that my energy is directed to the growth and support of others before my own convenience; and, doing my best the first time to ensure success and use of time wisely and efficiently are all ways that I try and live up to those values on a daily basis.
- 3) I believe the role and responsibility of the Hawai`i Teacher Standards Board is to ensure that those individuals who we place in the forefront of educating our future generations do so in a manner that is befitting the great responsibility for which they are charged. In order to do that, teacher preparation programs need to have a clear understanding of the expectations laid out before them in developing and educating teachers; that teacher candidates know and understand the responsibilities they hold as future educators; and, that policies, procedures, and requirements of teachers to be awarded a license to teach in the State of Hawai`i promote a positive climate, impart stringent criteria, and uphold the highest standards of professionalism that can be expected of individuals with whom the title of “Teacher” has been bestowed.
- 4) As this is my first opportunity to be a part of the Hawai`i Teacher Standards Board, I am not well versed in the depth of issues that arose out of the 2009 State Auditor’s Report. I have scanned the report, as well as documents provided by the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board that discuss the progress and changes that have been implemented and are ongoing to improve the perception and effectiveness of the Hawai`i Teacher Standards Board.
- 5) I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interest during my service on the Hawai`i Teacher Standards Board. Should any possible conflicts present themselves, I would either recuse myself from participating in Board decisions or action, or seek to resign my position from the Board to ensure that the public trust is upheld, and the integrity of the board is never diminished.

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Testimony

TESTIMONY
OF
SCOTT K. PARKER
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
EDUCATION
ON
October 30, 2013

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Chair Tokuda and members of the Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you this afternoon.

I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to Governor Neil Abercrombie for his nomination. I am truly humbled and honored to be considered as a member of the Hawai`i Teacher Standards Board.

Growing up in a small town of up-country Maui, I would have never imagined my life would have taken the course it has, and the many opportunities and experiences that have presented itself. Sitting here today as a nominee for the Hawai`i Teachers Standards Board is one of them.

As a product of the public school system in Hawai`i, graduating from Maui High School and the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa with a bachelor and master degrees, I have been afforded first hand insight into the life of a student in Hawai`i's schools. That coupled with my teaching at Hāna High and Elementary School as well as Vice Principal at Princess Nāhi`ena`ena Elementary in Lahaina, Maui and now as Principal of Jefferson Elementary in Waikīkī I believe I can speak to the growth, challenges, changes, and development of public education on both the neighbor islands and Hawai`i's urban core. Along with that I bring to the Board my experiences with the Hawai`i Air National Guard. In my 13 years of service, the last 6 of which have been as

a Non-Commissioned Officer and Loadmaster with the 204th Airlift Squadron here at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, I have been able to impart perspectives, processes, and dialogue that encourages innovation, supports professional growth, and recognizes achievement.

In the 14 years since I introduced myself to my first class of students the nation's education policy has evolved to include charter school law, No Child Left Behind, Race to the Top, and Common Core State Standards. Here at home, Act 51 has been the impetus for significant improvement to the way education is delivered and monitored, and change continues to help us reinvent education. Those milestones are only a part of the story on the ability of an institution to deliver rigorous, standards based content to an audience of diverse learners.

The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board is key to ensuring that those individuals who we place in the forefront of educating our future generations do so in a manner that is befitting the great responsibility for which they are charged. My vision as a member of the board is to ensure that teacher preparation programs have a clear understanding of the expectations laid out before them in developing and educating teachers; that teacher candidates know and understand the responsibilities they hold as future educators; and, the policies, procedures, and requirements of teachers to be awarded a license to teach in the State of Hawai'i promote a positive climate, impart stringent criteria, and uphold the highest standards of professionalism that can be expected of individuals to whom the title of "Teacher" has been bestowed.

Although change is the only constant, I will work to ensure that my core values: Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All I Do remain a true and steadfast guide in the way I conduct myself not only professionally, but personally as well. Doing the right thing, even when no one is looking; ensuring that my energy is directed to the growth and support of others

before my own convenience; and, doing my best the first time to ensure success and use of time wisely and efficiently are all ways that I try and live up to those values on a daily basis.

In closing, I would like to thank this Committee for the unyielding service to the people and students of Hawai`i, for allowing me the time to present before you this afternoon, and for taking up consideration of my nomination to the Hawai`i Teacher Standards Board.

**TESTIMONY OF LYNN HAMMONDS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
on
October 30, 2013 at 2:30 pm
in
Conference Room 414**

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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA DELONG, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

and

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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT PARKER, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support** for Lisa DeLong and Scott Parker, nominees to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB).

Input from school administrators is invaluable as the HTSB forms licensure and teacher preparation policies which impact Hawaii teachers, school counselors, school librarians and the Department of Education.

Lisa DeLong brings experience as a classroom teacher, principal and complex area superintendent and holds two master's degrees in special education and school administration. She is currently completing final requirements for her doctorate. Ms. DeLong is also the recipient of numerous awards, including both Hawaii Vice Principal of the Year and Secondary Principal of the Year.

Scott Parker also brings a combination of teacher and administrator preparation as well as experience as principal at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School. He, too, is a doctoral candidate, expecting to complete his degree in 2014. Mr. Parker also serves as a member of the Hawaii Air National Guard, which exemplifies his belief in "service before self".

Both candidates possess a winning combination of preparation and experience which makes them credible to members of the profession and inspires confidence among licensees in the field. As interim appointees, they have both attended meetings and contributed to formation of policy and decision making.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the confirmation hearing but our Education Specialist, Carolyn Gyuran, will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have.



October 30, 2013
2:30 p.m.; Conference Room 414

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: GM3 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT PARKER, for a term to expire 6-30-16

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and the members of the committee,

My name is Robert Witt and I am executive director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS), which represents 99 private and independent schools in Hawaii and educates over 33,000 students statewide.

I am writing in **strong support** of Scott Parker's confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

Scott is the principal of Jefferson Elementary School in Honolulu and is a strong believer in service before self, as demonstrated by his commitment to education and his service in the National Guard. As a leader, he believes that constant self-assessment guides his personal growth and future development. He is committed to collaboration and being a teacher-leader. As a teacher-leader, Scott provides teachers with valid, reliable information and opportunities for research-based policies, practice and approaches. For Scott, this is an integral part of not only his service capacity to teachers, but an integral part of being a school leader.

I strongly urge you to confirm Scott Parker to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. The Board and the State of Hawaii will be well served by his participation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



STATE OF HAWAII
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October 28, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to nominate Mr. Scott Parker to serve on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB).

I have known Mr. Parker for the past four years. He is earnest, resourceful, dynamic, and honest. Mr. Parker is a strong leader who has unique abilities to mobilize his staff, students, parents, and the community to work together to achieve the school's goals. Under the leadership of Mr. Parker, Jefferson Elementary School has made great strides in preparing students to be college, career, and life ready.

Mr. Parker is an outstanding Principal who is an excellent candidate to serve on the HTSB. He gets along well with others and is exceptionally hardworking. If I can supply any further information in support of Mr. Scott Parker's nomination, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Gonsalves
Principal

Erin Conner

From: Devin Oshiro <doshiro@usc.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 10:50 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: Testimony regarding Scott Parker for HTSB nomination

My name is Devin Oshiro and I am writing to you in regards to the nomination of Mr. Scott Parker. Just to give you a background Scott Parker and I have been in the same University of Southern California (USC) Educationa Doctorate Program (Ed.D.) together for three years.

During that time Mr. Parker has consistently shown the characteristics, knowledge, and integrity essential for any board of directors. He is well versed in the nature of policy and procedures as evident of his column submission to the Honolulu Star Advertiser proposing a means to increasing revenue stream for schools by making better use of the land which schools sit on. Scott Parker has a cutting edge vision, and effectively puts his plans into action. Though rarely taking credit for his school's turn around, Mr. Parker is the most significant reason for the school's recent successes. In my humble opinion, Mr. Scott Parker will procure a positive and significant impact on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) and K-12 teachers in Hawai'i.

Mahalo,

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October 29, 2013

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capital
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Re: GM3 - Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee,
SCOTT K. PARKER
Wednesday, October 30, 2013, 2:30 PM, Conference Room 414

Dear Senator Tokuda, Senator Kidani and Members of the Committee on Education:

I am submitting this letter in strong support of Mr. Scott Parker to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. I have been with the Department of Education for 18 years, and have known Mr. Parker for more than 3 years. I first came to know him in 2010 when he became Principal of President Thomas Jefferson Elementary School of Waikiki.

Mr. Parker is highly respected amongst his faculty and staff. He is a knowledgeable and passionate leader who possesses the natural ability of bringing people together for a common mission. He works tirelessly and constructively with families, school staff, and the community. Mr. Parker is professional and personable in all aspects; he has a heartfelt belief in the betterment of education, as this shines forth in his accomplishments. Under his direction, test scores have risen to the highest levels that the school has ever had, teacher morale is extremely high, and the school is looking beyond test scores to provide students with the 21st century skills they need to become college, career, and life ready. With his leadership, President Thomas Jefferson Elementary School was recently awarded \$25,000 for being among the top 5 percent of Hawaii public schools making dramatic reading and math gains. The support that Mr. Parker readily provides to teachers and students is relevant and rigorous.

Mr. Scott Parker is a transformative leader with a strong vision; his words and actions have shown that he is fully capable and committed to making a positive impact on education. I truly believe he will be an asset to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, and fully support his nomination. Thank you for this opportunity to offer my support.

Sincerely,



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Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Submitted on: 10/29/2013

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Terry Lynn Holck	Individual	Support	No

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Oppose	No

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