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TO: Complex Area Superintendents
Public Charter School Executive Director
Principals (All)
Public Charter School Directors (All)

FROM: Rodney Luke 
Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Accepting Applications for HSA-Alt Next Generation Science Standards
Performance Level Descriptor (PLD) Review Committees**

The Assessment Section is accepting applications from interested teachers, content specialists, and community members for the Hawaii State Alternate Assessment (HSA-Alt) Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Performance Level Descriptor (PLD) Review Committees. The NGSS will be the basis of all state-wide science assessments beginning in School Year 2019-2020. Selected participants will review and provide feedback on the HSA-Alt Item Specifications for NGSS. HSA-Alt Item Specifications are used for designing assessment tasks for students with significant cognitive disabilities who take the HSA-Alt. Three panels: grade band 3-5, grade band 6-8 and high school, will be formed for to review the newly developed PLDs.

The HSA-Alt Range PLD Review Committee meeting dates are January 2, 3 and 4, 2019. Committee members must be available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on all three days that the committee meets. The location for all meetings is at the American Institutes for Research (AIR) Honolulu office at 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 900.

Winter 2019 HSA-Alt Range PLD Review Committee Meetings

Content Area	Grades	Dates/Times	Location
NGSS Science	3-5, 6-8 or high school	January 2, 3 and 4, 2019 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	AIR Honolulu Office 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 900

LOGISTICS

Travel, accommodations, and event transportation will be provided for all neighbor island participants (participants who make their own travel arrangements will not be reimbursed). Oahu participants will receive validated parking at the meeting site. Participants will not be reimbursed for mileage or gas. Substitutes will be provided for participants who require one. All other participants will be compensated with a stipend of \$178.42 per day, based upon a 7-hour work day. A one-hour lunch break will be provided.

REGISTRATION

If you would like to be considered for the HSA-Alt Range PLD Review Committee, please complete the online application no later than **Friday December 14, 2018**. A link to the online application site can be accessed through the <https://hsa-alt.alohahsap.org/> website or directly at this link: <http://bit.ly/Jan19NGSSAltPLDs>. Registrants will receive an automated confirmation email that verifies that the online registration has been successfully completed.

If an automated confirmation of registration email is not received within 24 hours of submission of the online registration form, contact Emily MacGillivray at the American Institutes for Research (AIR) at (808) 943-3906 or by email at emacgillivray@air.org. Note: This automated message does NOT indicate confirmation of participation. All approved registrants will receive a second confirmatory email regarding acceptance for the specific committee and containing further details about the schedule and any last minute logistics.

Please forward this memo to teachers and specialists who may be willing to share their expertise and experience on a HSA-Alt Range PLD Review Committee.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Dumas in the Assessment Section at (808) 733-4100 or via email at paul_dumas@notes.k12.hi.us.

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c: Assistant Superintendents
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Assessment and Accountability Branch