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

FROM: Rodney Luke   
Interim Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Recruiting Participants for 2017 HSA-Alt Stakeholder Group**

The HSA-Alt is the alternate assessment administered to students with significant cognitive disabilities. It is an assessment designed to maximize access to the general education curriculum for this population and is based on alternate achievement standards. The HSA-Alt ensures that all of Hawai'i's students, including those with the most significant cognitive disabilities, are included in statewide assessments and are part of the state educational accountability system.

The Assessment Section is forming an HSA-Alt Stakeholder Group that will meet at the Ala Moana Hotel on Saturday, November 18, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is for HSA-Alt Stakeholder Group members to provide feedback on (1) current issues related to teaching and assessing students with significant cognitive disabilities and (2) the development of the HSA-Alt. The Assessment Section is accepting applications from interested HSA-Alt test administrators, special education and general education teachers, school administrators, district and complex area staff, parents, advocates, and community members who would like to participate in the 2017 HSA-Alt Stakeholder Group. A link to the online application can be accessed through the [www.alohahsap.org/HSA\\_ALT](http://www.alohahsap.org/HSA_ALT) website. Applications are due *Friday, October 20, 2017*.

For more information contact Susan Forbes at (808) 733-4100 or via email at [hsa-alt@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:hsa-alt@notes.k12.hi.us).

**Please forward this memo to interested teachers, administrators, complex and district-level staff, special education advocates, parents and community members who may be willing to provide feedback on the HSA-Alt.**

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