



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

September 7, 2018

TO: Complex Area Superintendents, Principals (All), Vice Principals, Public Charter School Directors (All), District Educational Specialists, District Resource Teachers, Counselors, General Education and Special Education Teachers, and Related Service Providers

FROM: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto
Superintendent

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SUBJECT: **2018 Fall Hawaii State Special Education Conference: "Together For Our Keiki"**

The Office of Student Support Services, Exceptional Support Branch, will host a two-day, voluntary 2018 Fall Hawaii State Special Education (HSSE) Conference on October 8-9, 2018 at the Hawaii Convention Center. This is a repeat of the summer (July 2018) HSSE Conference: "Together For Our Keiki," including "Talk Story with the Attorneys General."

General and special education teachers, counselors, school administrators, district personnel, and related service providers are invited to attend this voluntary conference to enrich their skills, gain resources and tools, and improve practices when working with students with disabilities.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided for both days of this conference.

Please register at <https://pde3.k12.hi.us>; Course #: SPED 183935, 2018 Fall HSSE Conference: "Together For Our Keiki," by **Friday, September 28, 2018**.

Please select a topic for each of the four (4) sessions. Descriptions of the topics in the sessions are on PDE3. The topics include the following:

- Standards for Students with Severe Cognitive Disabilities.
- Transition to Adult Life.
- Cornerstone of the Individualized Education Program (IEP): Present Levels of Educational Performance.
- Least Restrictive Environment: A Focus on Services.
- Understanding Extended School Year.
- Setting the Target: Goals and Objectives.
- Purpose of Related Services.

- Closing the Achievement Gap: Specially Designed Instruction.
- Student Led IEPs.
- Accommodations and Curricular Modifications that Support Student Success.
- IEP Process: The Basics.

Please note:

- Ten-month teachers will be provided with a one-day stipend.
- Twelve-month teachers will be provided a substitute.
- Travel and per diem will be provided for neighbor island participants.
- Neighbor island teachers may choose to receive travel and per diem OR a one-day stipend.
- Participants who have accessibility needs, e.g., sign language interpreter, please contact Mr. Jeremy Basto, Secretary, Special Education Section, at (808) 305-9806.
- All participants will receive an email confirmation from PDE3 via Lotus Notes.

Please post the attached flyer in a high traffic area.

After the conference, funds for stipends and substitutes will be transferred to districts/complex areas and schools for reimbursement. Reimbursements for neighbor island travel will be sent to the districts/complex areas for all personnel attending the conference. The respective districts/complex areas will email Mr. Ryan Aguilar, Secretary, Exceptional Support Branch, at ryan_aguilar@notes.k12.hi.us, the amount for travel reimbursement.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Karen Sato, Administrator, Special Education Section, at (808) 305-9806 or via Lotus Notes.

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Attachment: 2018 Fall HSSE Conference: "Together For Our Keiki" Flyer

c: Deputy Superintendent
Assistant Superintendents
State Public Charter School Commission



2018 FALL HAWAII STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

“TOGETHER FOR OUR KEIKI”

OAHU ONLY: OCTOBER 8-9, 2018

**HAWAII CONVENTION CENTER
1801 Kalakaua Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815**

TIME: 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

**REGISTER ON PDE3 BY FRIDAY,
September 28, 2018**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS INCLUDE:

**STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS WITH SEVERE COGNITIVE DISABILITIES,
CORNERSTONE OF THE IEP: PRESENT LEVELS OF EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE,
STUDENT LED IEPS, ACCOMMODATIONS AND CURRICULAR MODIFICATIONS,
CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP: SPECIALLY DESIGNED INSTRUCTION,
TRANSITION TO ADULT LIFE, AND MORE...**

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EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT BRANCH**

**ALL TEACHERS,
ADMINISTRATORS, AND
RELATED SERVICE
PROVIDERS**

SAVE THE DATE!

**REGISTRATION:
7:30 A.M.**

**CONFERENCE:
8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**STIPENDS
PROVIDED FOR
10-MONTH TEACHERS**

OR

**TRAVEL AND PER DIEM
FOR NEIGHBOR ISLAND
PARTICIPANTS**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
AND LUNCH**

**REGISTRATION
WILL BE ON
PDE3 WEBSITE**