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ATTENTION REQUIRED
May 31, 2019

TO: Deputy Superintendent
Complex Area Superintendents
State Public Charter School Commission
Principals (All)
Public Charter School Directors (All)

FROM: Rodney Luke 
Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: Accepting Applications for the Innovative Assessment Stakeholder Committee

The Assessment Section is accepting applications from individuals to serve on the Innovative Assessment Stakeholder Committee. In partnership with WestEd, the Assessment Section is recruiting representatives from various public education stakeholder groups (e.g., parents, teachers, principals, community members, etc.) for the purpose of advising the Department in the development of innovative assessments.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) grants states by application to develop alternative approaches to assessment that supports student learning. Pursuant to Section 1204 of the ESSA, states may apply to the Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority ("Demonstration Authority") to develop *innovative* assessments that possess technical qualities that match those of standardized instruments now used for evaluating student and school performance.

A broad spectrum of stakeholders, including those from the neighbor-islands, are being invited to collaborate on the design of Hawai'i's innovative assessment system. Policy makers, Hawai'i State Teacher Association leaders, community leaders, and Hawai'i Department of Education leaders, administrators, curriculum specialists, and certificated teachers who teach ELA, mathematics or science in grades 3-12 will be valuable members of the Stakeholder Committee. Additionally, individuals who have knowledge and experiences of local innovative assessment practices, including well-developed ideas on how the current system could be improved, are strongly encouraged to apply. The stakeholders will provide their expertise in developing a conceptual plan for the Innovative Assessment Project. The sessions will include activities such as engaging in rich discussions about assessments, providing contextual knowledge regarding Hawai'i's current assessment system, and informing the development of innovative assessment model(s) that meet ESSA requirements for Hawai'i's innovative assessment system.

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Participants are expected to attend three full-day meetings in-person on June 18, July 2, and July 16, 2019. The information gathered from these Stakeholder Committee meetings will form the conceptual foundation on which Hawai'i's Innovative Assessment application will be developed. Also, the Stakeholder Committee will review the benefits of Hawai'i's current assessment system, as well as the design and United States Department of Education parameters in which the innovative assessment system must meet. An innovative assessment design must produce an annual summative determination for each student of grade-level achievement that is aligned to state standards (Common Core State Standards).

Please note that participation in the Innovative Assessment Stakeholder Committee is strictly voluntary. No compensation or reimbursement will be provided to participants except for 10-month employees. Travel costs to and from the meeting sites will be provided for neighbor-island participants.

Individuals who are interested in serving on the Innovative Assessment Stakeholder Committee should apply no later than **Friday, May 31, 2019**. The online application form can be accessed via this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DOEIASC>. All applicants will receive an email confirming receipt of their application. Applicants who do not receive an email verifying submission of their application should notify Elaine Lee via email at Elaine_Lee@notes.k12.hi.us. If selected to serve on the Stakeholder Committee, candidates will receive a second email confirming their participation by June 7, 2019.

Please share this memo with community leaders, Department administrators, teachers and colleagues, and other stakeholders who may be interested in serving on the Innovative Assessment Stakeholder Committee.

If you have further questions regarding the Innovative Assessment Stakeholder Committee, please contact Elaine Lee, Ph.D., Test Development Specialist, Assessment Section, at Elaine_Lee@notes.k12.hi.us or (808) 307-3636.

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