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CSAO Report

DATE February 15, 2007
TO The Honorable Karen Knudsen, Chairperson
Board of Education
FROM Maunalei Love, Interim Executive Director
Charter School Administrative Office
RE CSAO Report

Aloha,

1. CHARTER SCHOOL REVIEW PANEL (PANEL)

- The first meeting of the Panel was held on February 7, 2007 at the Charter School Administrative Office (CSAO).
- In attendance were Fred Birkett (Chairperson), Pualani Akaka, Maunalei Love, Denise Matsumoto, Alvin Parker, Ardith Renteria, and Manulani Meyer (via tele-conference)... The attempt was made to contact Nina Buchanan who is in Ireland via a sight speed internet connection, but the connection was not clear and was lost after repeated attempts to connect.
- An attempt was made to start dialogue on policies and procedures, but the meeting was too short and just touched the surface of the tasks to address. The Panel will need to decide together when and how it will continue this process.
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2007, but will need rescheduling due to previous conflicts of Panel members.

2. INTERNAL REVIEW

- Chris Lee has completed the investigative portion of his review and has shared his preliminary findings with the CSAO for response.
- The CSAO will deliver its response to Chris by Friday, February 16, 2007.

3. LEGISLATION

- HB 594 was heard on February 12, 2007. It passed with amendments and a House Draft (HD1) will be written. Chairman Takumi stated the bill is a "work in progress." Changes that Chairman Takumi listed are:
 - 1) To delete language pertaining to agency-sponsored charter schools.
 - 2) To change language regarding the role of the Panel and Panel membership.
- Chairman Takumi mentioned that February 12, 2007 was the House Education Committee's last meeting until crossover.
- On the Senate side, three charter bills (SB603, SB965, SB1432) were heard on February 12, 2007 and decision making was deferred until Wednesday, February 14, 2007.
- On February 14, 2007, SB603 was passed with amendments and a Senate Draft (SD1) will be written. SB965 and SB1432 were deferred.

Mahalo nui loa,
Maunalei Love