



The Senate

**STATE CAPITOL**  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813  
September 11, 2020

Dr. Christina Kishimoto, Superintendent  
Department of Education  
PO Box 2360  
Honolulu, HI 96804

Dear Superintendent Kishimoto:

RE: Follow-up to the meeting of September 11, 2020

In our most recent meeting with your department and the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities (HSCDD), the HSCDD submitted numerous questions through a letter that they wished to pose to your department. The Committee acknowledges the challenges in being prepared to answer those questions at the time of our meeting, but ask that you review the submitted attachment and prepare answers to those questions at a later date.

As the discussion highlighted a need for additional communication between the Department of Education (DOE) and HSCDD, we ask that you also provide the HSCDD with a complete list of meetings available to them to increase the avenues for discussion between both the council and your department.

Finally, during our meeting, you mentioned the continued efforts, in coordination with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, to update the Pandemic Handbook. Additionally, between the DOE's Health & Safety Handbook and the aforementioned Pandemic Handbook, you mentioned your department is also working to roll out an email hub to collect feedback on remaining gaps in protocol implementation. We ask that you keep our Committee apprised on the statuses and expected completion dates of these efforts.

The Committee requests that you provide documentation of the requested information by **4:00 p.m., Thursday, September 17, 2020**. Please email your response to all Senate Special Committee COVID-19 members. Should you have any questions, please contact Duncan Osorio at 586-6800 or via email at [d.osorio@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:d.osorio@capitol.hawaii.gov).

Sincerely,

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz    Senator Jarrett Keohokalole  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani        Senator Donna Mercado Kim  
Senator Sharon Moriwaki          Senator Kurt Fevella

Attachment: HSCDD Letter

Cc: Senate President  
Assistant Superintendent Heidi Armstrong  
Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities