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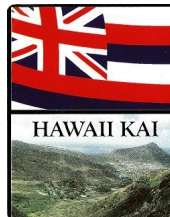
HAWAI'I KAI FARMERS ALERT!

Kamehameha Schools Rejects Study - Farmers Take to Highway



Kamilonui Valley farmers continue their struggle against the Kamehameha Schools' attempt to raise lease rents by almost 2800%. Representative Ward joined the farmers along Kalaniana'ole Highway on November 13-14-15 urging the Kamehameha Schools to continue lease rent negotiations.

On November 17, the Kamehameha Schools stated



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that "KS has been meeting with the lessees and remains open to meeting with the lessees."

After several attempts to schedule a meeting with school officials, the Kamehameha Schools agreed to meet directly with the farmers on November 19.

School officials had earlier rejected a study written for the farmers by Dr. Sabry A. Shehata, Ph.D. The study is similar to one written by Dr. Shehata and accepted by the Kamehameha Schools during negotiations with 220 Kona coffee farmers on Hawai'i island. The farmers' struggle now moves on to arbitration which could last several months.

Please show your support for the farmers by e-mailing KSBE at ksinfo@ksbe.edu.

SCHOOL CLOSURE ALERT!

A public hearing will be held to hear all persons interested in the report on the consolidation study of Kaiser Complex Elementary Schools.

The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, December 15, 2010**, commencing at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Kaiser High School cafeteria**. Rep. Ward has already spoken out against this idea that punishes the achievements of our school district.

For more information on the hearing, please see page 3 of this newsletter.

KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:



The Department of Planning and Permitting stated on November 24, 2010 that no applications have been filed for development on Ka Iwi.

MOKUHANO CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Planning and Permitting continues to work closely with the developer's agent to address conditions of the cluster development approval. A records review conducted on November 24, 2010 revealed no new information about the proposed Mokuhanu Cluster Development.

WARD ELECTED HOUSE MINORITY LEADER



Rep. Ward was elected by his Republican colleagues as Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. On November 23, Rep. Ward interviewed incoming Republican Freshman Representatives on the show "Better Government" which airs on 'Ōlelo.

JOBS WATCH

Since the economic downturn in 2008 our biggest worry has been about jobs and when we're going to recover. The latest local unemployment figures show that the rate remained at 6.4% for the State:

	<u>Sep. 2010</u>	<u>Oct. 2010</u>
Big Island	9.5%	9.3%
Maui	7.8%	7.6%
Moloka'i	12.8%	13.1%
Kaua'i	8.7%	8.5%
Lāna'i	5.5%	6.0%
O'ahu	5.4%	5.5%
STATE OF HAWAII	6.4%	6.4%
NATIONAL	9.2%	9.0%

*Source: Hawai'i Dept of Labor Statistics, October 2010; These rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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"FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS" CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE



The Hawai'i Kai Marina Community Association will be celebrating the 14th year of the "Festival of Lights" Christmas Boat Parade on Saturday, December 18, 2010. The festivities are from 5:30pm - 8:00pm with lots of free parking and entertainment. Starting at sunset, vessels of all types compete for prizes by decorating their boats with dazzling lights and glitter. A definite "not-to-miss" event. For more information, call (808) 396-2469.

ROTARY CLUB OF WAIKĪKĪ VISITS THE STATE CAPITOL



Representative Ward's office hosted and provided a tour of the State Capitol to members of the Rotary Club of Waikiki on November 3, 2010.

CONSTITUENT'S CORNER:

The Hawai'i Kai Neighborhood Board is in recess in December. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 7:00 p.m., at Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria.

Any traffic questions? Call DOT at 587-2160.

Notice of Public Hearing
Hawaii State Department of Education

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 91, the Hawaii State Department of Education will conduct a public hearing on December 15, 2010, commencing at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Kaiser High School (511 Lunalilo Home Road, Honolulu, HI 96825) on the following:

PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS

A public hearing will be held to hear all persons interested in the report on the consolidation study of Kaiser Complex Elementary Schools (Aina Haina Elementary, 801 W. Hind Drive, Honolulu 96821; Hahaione Elementary, 595 Pepeekeo Street, Honolulu 96825; Kamiloiki Elementary, 7788 Hawaii Kai Drive, Honolulu 96825; and Koko Head Elementary, 189 Lunalilo Home Road, Honolulu 96825).

Copies of the consolidation study report may be picked up at no charge between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays) at Aina Haina Elementary, Hahaione Elementary, Kamiloiki Elementary, and Koko Head Elementary School offices and the DOE Honolulu District Office, 4967 Kilauea Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816. The consolidation study report is also available at <http://doe.k12.hi.us>. A copy of the consolidation study report will be mailed for a \$1.50 fee (payable in advance) to any interested person who submits a written request to the DOE Honolulu District Office or calls (808) 733-4952.

All interested persons will be afforded the opportunity to present testimony, orally or in writing, on the consolidation study report at the time of the public hearing. Persons wishing to submit written testimony are requested to submit one copy of their written testimony at the time of their presentation.

Public testimony may be submitted at the hearing, mailed to the DOE Honolulu District Office or emailed to doe_info@notes.k12.hi.us. Written and emailed testimonies must be received no later than three business days following the public hearing date. Interested persons may contact the Department of Education at (808) 733-4952 for related inquiries.

Following the public hearing, the DOE will submit a recommendation to the Hawaii State Board of Education on whether and when Kamiloiki Elementary or Koko Head Elementary should be closed and whether and when the attendance areas of Kamiloiki and/or Koko Head and/or Hahaione elementary schools should be adjusted to accommodate Kamiloiki and/or Koko Head elementary students.

Persons requiring special assistance or services such as a sign language interpreter should call (808) 733-4952, or via relay, at least three business days prior to this meeting.