



# Senator Kurt Fevella

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Aloha Family and Friends,

We are halfway through 2023 and just about to begin our summer. As of June 7, 2023, Governor Green signed sixty-two bills into law including: SB731 (Act 11) designating November 28 of each year as *La Kuokoa*, Hawaiian Independence Day; HB1329 (Act 53) requiring DOE to work with organizations to develop and implement an active shooter training program in schools; and SB975 (Act 62) includes electronic smoking devices and e-liquid as tobacco products and requiring retailers of e-liquid to obtain a tobacco permit. You may find more information on these acts and a complete list on the [Hawaii State Legislature's website](#). The last day for governor to inform the Legislature of his intent to veto is on June 26, 2023. Until then, please continue to connect with me and our office on what we can do to advance our community and state. As always, mahalo and God bless.

Sincerely,

*Kurt Fevella*

## Congratulations, Class of 2023!

As a proud alumnus of James Campbell High School, I was honored to be attending one of this year's greatest events. The graduating class held its ceremony at the Hawai'i Convention Center. With thousands in attendance, the hall was filled with bustling children, eager parents, and excited families and friends. Mahalo nui to Principal Lee and his staff for organizing a remarkable event.

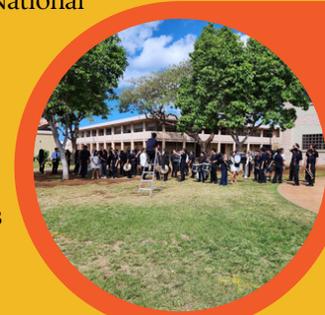


This year's graduating class faced unprecedented challenges in the beginning of starting high school in 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic hit with a brute force- affecting us all. Gracefully, we worked together to get to where we are today. May you always be a beacon of light as you trek through life's terrain- remembering all that you were taught wherever you are in this world.

### JAMES CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL'S SABER MARCHING BAND

Representing our school, community, and state on a grander stage, congrats Saber Marching Band in being invited to the National Independence Day Parade in Washington D.C.!

Mahalo nui to Mayor Hanneman with Hawaii Tourism and Lodging Association, Craig McGinnis with Haseko, Mike Rompel with Domino's Hawaii, David Tanoë with RM Towill, and Uncle George T. Paris with the Ironworkers Stabilization Fund for a generous donation of \$30,000 to our Saber Marching Band. Thank you all for supporting our keiki!



Senate District 20:  
'Ewa Beach, Ocean Pointe,  
'Ewa by Gentry, Iroquois Point  
and portion of 'Ewa Villages



# Graduations

### Ewa Makai Middle School



Congratulations to our Tigers that have graduated from eighth grade! Being a part of a community that gets involved in the welfare of our students is key to a bright future for our keiki. The teachers and staff's commitment to cultivating a safe, nurturing, and rich environment promotes the wellbeing of each student. Mahalo to Principal Sanders and our dedicated staff and best wishes to Vice Principal Agor on her retirement!

### 'Ilima Intermediate School

As a lei symbolizes aloha, celebration, and friendship, it also represents unity. Together, 'Ilima's graduates journeyed through challenges and persevered- having graduated from eighth grade and progressing towards high school, "Pūpūkahi I Holomua"- *moving forward together.*



These lifelong learners will continue to make way onto their new stomping ground. Having compassion for one another, being collaborative with others and through resilience, our 'Ilima grads will inspire other lifelong learners to cultivate such values and advance through life's challenges- blooming and flourishing in success.



### Pohakea Elementary School



**CONGRATS TO OUR EAGLES!**



It's a big step for parents to see their keiki moving onto middle school and an even bigger step for our keiki in successfully passing onto the next school level. May you all continue "to give forth" (Poha) the "light" (Kea) that was instilled in you as you soar with flying colors- always learning, staying engaged, empowering each other, and enlightening ourselves- one flight at a time.

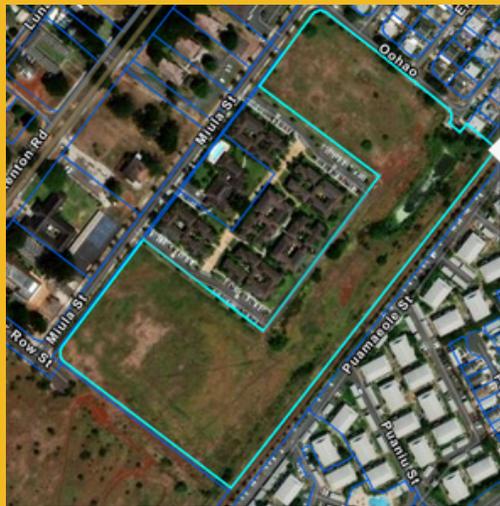
### Holomua Elementary School



"It takes a village to raise a child" and I can imagine how many more with hundreds. The adage remains true, as the Holomua Voyagers have been nurtured by families and communities, including our teachers and staff. Ensuring that each student are equipped with the attitudes, knowledge, and skills to be contributing individuals as they sail on in their next voyage. Congrats to our Voyagers!



# In the Community



## DHHL proposal to purchase parcel in Ewa Villages for Hawaiian Homesteads

### Proposal:

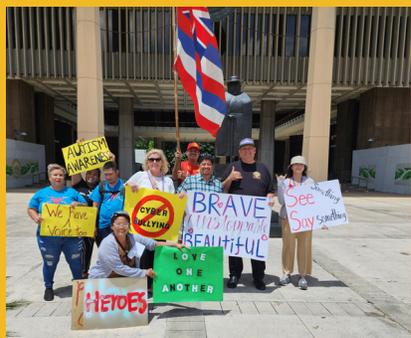
- Acquire 14.79 acres of land for construction of up to 142 residential units and associated infrastructure.
- 70 single-family units, 12 multi-family buildings with 6 units
- Roadway connections on Pepper Row, O'ohao St., and Miula St.

Contact consultant Natalie Hanson ([nhanson@pbrhawaii.com](mailto:nhanson@pbrhawaii.com)) if you have any comments.



## Press conference: HI Film Studio Audit

Hawaii's billion-dollar film industry is not hiring locals, and instead bringing above and below-the-line employees from out of state. Same leadership has been there for 20 years, and there are still no industry pathways for students. Click [here](#) to view the article on Hawaii News Now and [here](#) for Honolulu Civil Beat.



## Anti-bullying Sign Waving at the Capitol

Melissa, the organizer and mother of a disabled son, wanted to raise awareness about bullying as her son was violated & bullied in a school restroom in April. Other parents were also frustrated towards the school system's lack of responsibility. Raising awareness leads to action.



## Hawaiian Humane Society's Grand Opening

On May 20, 2023, the HHS opened up its second location. The Kosasa Family Campus at Ho'opili (at the corner of Fort Weaver and Old Fort Weaver Rd.) welcomed all walks of life. Its pledge to caring for animals and supporting our community has carried over to the West side.



## Meeting with Honolulu Fire Department

HFD's live-fire training program is considering various locations in and around 'Ewa Beach. The fire will be contained in a mason container-type unit and will be there for 5-10 years.



# Important Numbers

## Connecting our Community

### **Emergency Services**

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

State Emergency Management Division: 808-733-4300

State Highway Safety Hotline: 808-831-6714

### **Utilities**

Hawaiian Electric Co. (trouble only): 808-548-7311

Hawaiian Telcom (customer care): 611

Board of Water Supply (report leaks): 808-748-5000 ext. 1

The Gas Company (trouble only): 808-526-0066

### **Community Concerns**

City Refuse & Bulky Item Collection: 808-768-3200

(Missed) Pickup in 'Ewa Beach: 808-768-9732

Graffiti Hotline (HPD): 808-723-3475

Damaged Sidewalks: 808-768-8159

Public Trees: 808-971-7151

Clean Stream Hotline: 808-768-7890

Medicare Call Center: 800-633-4227

Social Security: 800-772-1213

Potholes (City): 808-768-7777

Potholes (State): 808-536-7852

## City & State Departments

Education ('Ewa)

808-692-8000

Handi-Van Operations

808-456-5555

Health

808-586-4400

Mental Health Hotline

DOH Hawaii CARES

808-832-3100 or

1-800-753-6879

Labor & Industrial Relations

808-586-8844

Land and Natural Resources

808-587-0401

Neighborhood Board Commission

808-768-3710

Parks & Recreation

808-768-3003

Public Safety

808-587-1288

Transportation Services

808-768-3053

Transportation

808-587-2150