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LEGISLATORS TO FIX MULTI-TRACK CALENDAR AT MILILANI MIDDLE SCHOOL

State's largest middle school is last multi-track school to make transition to single-track

HONOLULU, Hawai'i – State Senators Donovan Dela Cruz (Dist. 22 - Mililani Mauka, Waipi'o Acres, Wheeler, Wahiawa, Whitmore Village, portion of Poamoho) and Michelle Kidani (Dist. 18 – Mililani Town, portion of Waipi'o Gentry, Waikele, Village Park, Royal Kunia) are hosting a community meeting to provide Mililani residents with an update on Mililani Middle School's transition to a single track calendar.

The community meeting on **Tuesday, January 12, 2016** from **7:00 p.m.** at the **Mililani Middle School Cafeteria, 95-1140 Lehiwa Drive**, will include a presentation with information on the history of the project, acquisition process, and the project timeline, followed by a question and answer session.

In December 2014, Mililani Middle School's Principal Elynne Chung confirmed plans were underway to make this transition. Despite operating as the state's largest middle school with approximately 1,800 students, Mililani Middle will be the last multi-track school to make this transition.

Understanding the hardships on the students, parents, and teachers the multi-track calendar presents, Senators Dela Cruz and Kidani introduced legislation, and the Governor, signed into law, to transition public schools away from the multi-track schedule and give overpopulated schools priority to develop facilities to accommodate the student population.

"A single track school will create a common calendar for families with children in the Mililani Complex and provide the opportunity to better support student learning facilities and resources," said Senator Dela Cruz.

Although this project is expected to require significant capital costs, both Senators Dela Cruz and Kidani recognize that it is a necessary expenditure that will ultimately benefit students, parents, and faculty of Mililani Middle.

"We are especially grateful to Mililani Middle Principal Elynne Chung who has been extremely helpful in the planning process," Senator Kidani added. "It's a complicated transition, but the school administration has been innovative and enthusiastic in addressing the challenge."

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Senators Dela Cruz and Kidani will be joined by representatives from Mililani Middle School, the Department of Education, Department of the Attorney General, and the City and County of Honolulu to answer any questions or concerns.

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