

GM 783

Board of Education

Lance Mizumoto



Chaminade
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April 14, 2015

State Senate, Committee on Education
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
and Members of the Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: In SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing LANCE MIZUMOTO to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee:

This is to express my strong support of GM-783 that would appoint Mr. Lance Mizumoto to the Hawaii State Board of Education (BOE). Mr. Mizumoto currently serves on the Board of Regents of Chaminade University, embracing our mission of offering students a quality education in a collaborative learning environment that prepares them for life, service and successful careers. We are especially proud that Mr. Mizumoto is an alumnus of Chaminade, having earned his MBA at our University.

As with recruiting regents, great care and discernment must be exercised in recruiting qualified and dedicated individuals willing to commit to serving on the BOE. Having seen Mr. Mizumoto's efforts in support of higher education, I believe he will be an excellent BOE member, bringing his knowledge of the community and his passion for education, as well as his recognition of challenges facing public education in Hawaii.

In addition to his service on the Chaminade board, Mr. Mizumoto is the President and Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank, and serves as a Director on the board of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. He possesses the depth of business and community experience needed to understand and appreciate the vital role that quality pre-K to 12 education plays in ensuring the vitality of the economic health and the quality of life in our State.

Our community is fortunate to have a candidate for public service of the caliber of Mr. Mizumoto, who himself is an exemplary product of our public education system.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of GM-783.

Sincerely,

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Senate Committee on Education
Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

April 17, 2015

This testimony is in support for GM783, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, Lance Mizumoto, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto and Committee Members:

The Hui for Excellence in Education (HE'E) is a diverse coalition of over 40 parent and community organizations dedicated to improving student achievement by increasing family and community engagement and partnerships in our schools. Our member list is attached.

The Coalition supports Mr. Mizumoto's nomination and likes the fact that he has experience leading a large institution and also serves on non-profit boards.

One of HE'E Coalition's priorities is to provide the community voice to influence public policy that affects education. Therefore, we attend BOE meetings on a regular basis. The Coalition was active in providing its voice to the Department of Education's (DOE's) Strategic Plan, advocating that family-school partnerships and community engagement be included the plan. We are appreciative of the DOE and BOE's support of our advocacy, as many of our recommendations for the Strategic Plan have been included. We encourage incoming Board Members to be supportive of family and community engagement in our public education system. As the BOE is a policy-making entity, we also appreciate BOE member support in our efforts to give input and feedback educational policy issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration. The support of this Governor's Message represents 75% consensus or more of our voting membership.

Sincerely,

Cheri Nakamura
HE'E Coalition Director

HE'E Member List

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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Education

Friday, April 17, 2015

1:15 p.m.

State Capitol - Conference Room 229

RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 783, CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, GUBENATORIAL NOMINEE, LANCE A. MIZUMOTO

Chair Kidani, Vice-Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Chief Executive Officer for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii **supports** the consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Lance Mizumoto, to the Board of Education.

Mr. Mizumoto has over 25 years of banking and financial institution experience in Hawaii. He has held leadership positions in three of Hawaii's most prestigious banks, Central Pacific Bank, First Hawaiian Bank, and Bank of Hawaii. This experience is vital to the Board as it oversees one of the largest budgets in the State of Hawaii, the Department of Education.

Based on Mr. Mizumoto's business experience, his position on the Board of Regents for Chaminade University, and being a product of the public school system in Hawaii (Pearl City High School), we believe he will make a significant contribution to improving Hawaii's public education system.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our **support** for this nomination.



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**RE: In SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing LANCE MIZUMOTO
to the Board of Education**

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee;

My name is Paul Kosasa, President & CEO of ABC Stores. The Board of Education (BOE) has a critical impact on the quality of education for our future generations in Hawaii, and therefore, must be comprised of strong leaders with a vision and a passion for our public education system. Mr. Lance Mizumoto undoubtedly provides these qualities that are needed in the BOE.

Mr. Mizumoto has demonstrated the positive impact he can make as a leader, as well as a team player, in his capacity as President and Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank, Regent on the board of Chaminade University, and Director on the board of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. He possesses the depth of business and community experience to understand, and appreciate, the vital role that quality primary education plays in the business activity, the economic health, and the quality of life in our State.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Mizumoto on both personal and professional levels for 10 years. In addition to his leadership and expertise, I can attest to his core values, sincerity, and passion to continually improve the educational opportunities for our youth in Hawaii. Our community is fortunate to have a candidate for public service at the caliber of Lance Mizumoto, who himself is an exemplary product of our public education system.

Thank you for your consideration of GM-783.

Very truly yours,


PAUL KOSASA
President & CEO

Travel Resort Retail



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Education
Friday, April 17, 2015 at 1:15 P.M.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol**

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 783 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
LANCE A. MIZUMOTO**

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **strongly supports** the confirmation of Mr. Lance A. Mizumoto to the Board of Education.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Mr. Mizumoto has over 25 years of banking and financial institution experience in Hawaii. This experience is vital to the Board as it oversees one of the largest budgets for the Department of Education in the State of Hawaii. We, at the Chamber, have benefited from his knowledge and experience while he serves as a Board member at the Chamber of Commerce.

Based on Mr. Mizumoto's business experience and being a product of the public school system in Hawaii (Pearl City High School), we believe that he will make a significant contribution to improving public education in Hawaii.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our support for this nomination.



April 15, 2015

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RE: In SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing LANCE MIZUMOTO to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee;

My name is Stephen B. Metter, Chief Executive Officer of MW Group, Ltd. The Board of Education (BOE) has to be empowered to provide critical oversight of our educators and be the stewards of our education system.

Mr. Lance Mizumoto has the leadership, skill set, and values that are needed on the BOE. I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Mr. Mizumoto for approximately 20 years. He embodies the ethics, integrity, and values of a servant leader. He has been committed to our community, serving on a variety of non-profit boards, Regent on the board of Chaminade University, and served as a Captain in the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Mr. Mizumoto embodies a deep commitment and loyalty to his employees, clients, and stakeholders. His role as Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank illustrates his ability to think strategically, tactically and convey his insights to a large organization.

It is with pleasure that I fully endorse Lance Mizumoto's BOE nomination and I am prepared to testify in person if required. I am confident he will contribute in a transparent, impactful, and sustainable way.

Thank you for your consideration of GM-783.

Sincerely,

Stephen B. Metter
Chief Executive Officer

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RE: In SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing LANCE MIZUMOTO to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee;

My name is Raylene Nagai, Vice President of Izuo Brothers, Limited. I strongly support the appointment of Mr. Lance Mizumoto to The Board of Education (BOE).

My brother, Rodney Izuo and I, are third-generation owners of Izuo Brothers, Limited, a fishing tackle and sporting goods distributor located in Honolulu, Hawaii. Growing up, Rodney and I both attended public schools and went on to graduate from the University of Hawaii. As local business owners, we recognize the need for strong leadership within The Board of Education; a need for leaders who will make a positive impact to the current and future state of public education here in Hawaii.

As President and Chief Banking Officer at CPB, Mr. Mizumoto utilizes his skills as a leader and team-player on a daily basis, running a community bank serving many families and small businesses like Izuo Brothers, in Hawaii. He is a well-known and respected community member who also serves on not-for-profit boards including serving as a Regent on the board of Chaminade University, and as a Director on the board of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. Mr. Mizumoto is committed to education and recognizes the critical part it plays in preparing our children for their roles as future business and community leaders of our State.

I have personally known Lance for many years, and can attest to his integrity, sincerity, and commitment to our community. He will undoubtedly strive to continually improve the educational opportunities for our youth in Hawaii. Our community is fortunate to have a candidate for public service at the caliber of Lance Mizumoto, who himself is an exemplary product of our public education system. I fully support his nomination and appointment to The Board of Education.

Thank you for your consideration of GM-783.

Sincerely,

Raylene Nagai
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Comments: I am writing in strong support of the appointment of Lance Mizumoto to the Board of Education. Lance is a public high school graduate who is passionate about giving back to public education in Hawaii. In his leadership position at one of the largest financial institutions in Hawaii, Lance has demonstrated his commitment by leading his employees in projects to improve the public school facilities through the Hawaii 3Rs. I know Lance will bring business, financial and community perspectives to the Board. He is proud to be a Hawaii public school product and will work to ensure that all public school graduates can be proud of their schools. Please confirm his appointment. Thank you.

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RE: In SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing LANCE MIZUMOTO to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee;

My name is Bill Wilson, Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer of Central Pacific Financial Corp. and Central Pacific Bank.

The Board of Education (BOE) has a critical impact on the quality of education for our future generations in Hawaii, and therefore, must be comprised of strong leaders with a vision and a passion for our public education system. Mr. Lance Mizumoto undoubtedly provides these qualities that are needed in the BOE.

Mr. Mizumoto has demonstrated the positive impact he can make as a leader, as well as a team player, in his capacity as President and Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank, Regent on the board of Chaminade University, and Director on the board of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. He possesses the depth of business and community experience to understand, and appreciate, the vital role that quality primary education plays in the business activity, the economic health, and the quality of life in our State.

I have had the pleasure of socializing and working with Lance for five years, and in addition to his leadership and expertise, I can attest to his core values, sincerity, and passion to continually improve the educational opportunities for our youth in Hawaii. Our community is fortunate to have a candidate for public service at the caliber of Lance Mizumoto, who himself is an exemplary product of our public education system.

Thank you for your consideration of GM-783.

Sincerely,

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R. William Wilson
Executive Vice President & Chief Risk Officer
Central Pacific Financial Corp. and Central Pacific Bank



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RE: In SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing LANCE MIZUMOTO to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee;

My name is Brian Nishida, President, Step Stone Business Development. The Board of Education (BOE) has a critical impact on the quality of education for our future generations in Hawaii, and therefore, must be comprised of strong leaders with integrity, a vision and a passion for our public education system. Mr. Lance Mizumoto undoubtedly provides these qualities that are needed in the BOE.

Mr. Mizumoto has demonstrated the positive impact he can make as a leader, as well as a team player, in his capacity as President and Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank, Regent on the board of Chaminade University, and Director on the board of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. He possesses the depth of business and community experience to understand, and appreciate, the vital role that quality primary education plays in the business activity, the economic health, and the quality of life in our State.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Lance for over six years, and in addition to his leadership and expertise, I can attest to his impeccable integrity, Hawaii-based core values, sincerity, and passion to continually improve the educational opportunities for our youth in Hawaii. Our community is fortunate to have a candidate for public service at the caliber of Lance Mizumoto, who himself is an exemplary product of our public education system.

Thank you for your consideration of GM-783.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Nishida
President & CEO
Step Stone Business Development

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RE: In Support of GM-783 appointing Lance Mizumoto to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee;

My name is Calvin Tamaye, President of Ace Auto Glass, Inc.. The Board of Education (BOE) has a critical impact on the direction and quality of education for our future generations in Hawaii, and therefore, must be comprised of strong leaders with a vision and a passion for our public education system. Mr. Lance Mizumoto can undoubtedly provide these qualities that are needed in the BOE.

As the President and Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank, Regent on the board of Chaminade University, and Director on the board of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Mr. Mizumoto has demonstrated his positive impact as a leader. He has a great reputation as a business leader and his community experience will provide a valuable asset in the direction of a quality primary education.

I have known Lance for 7 years and he has always shown the highest level of a true professional and gentleman. In a recent conversation that I had with Lance, I could truly sense his commitment to improving the State's public education system. Along with his passion, commitment to serve, abilities to get things done, and his core values, I honestly feel that Lance would make a great leader for our youth in Hawaii. I feel that a person's true character determines their decisions on critical matters, Lance has shown myself and others, his honesty and caring nature.

Thank you for allowing me to provide this testimony and for your consideration of GM-783.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee:

My name is Catherine Ngo, and I am the President and Chief Operating Officer of Central Pacific Bank (CPB). I am writing this letter in support of my CPB Co-President, Mr. Lance Mizumoto, who has been nominated for a seat on the Board of Education (BOE). The BOE plays a critical role in the education of our future generations in Hawaii, and therefore, must be comprised of strong leaders with a vision and a passion for our public education system. As a beneficiary himself of our public education system, Mr. Mizumoto will provide good guidance and leadership on the BOE, and will work tirelessly and passionately for our education system.

Mr. Mizumoto is an exemplary leader of our community, as demonstrated by his leadership role in many organizations, and by his strong voice in our community. In the five years I have worked with Mr. Mizumoto here at CPB (including, in the last year as my Co-President), Mr. Mizumoto has demonstrated the enormously positive influence he can have as a leader. He also has had a significant and favorable impact in his role as a Regent on the board of Chaminade University, and a Director on the board of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. Mr. Mizumoto is a man of the highest integrity, and has the trust and confidence of all his colleagues here at CPB and in the community. He possesses the depth of business and community experience to understand, and appreciate, the vital role that quality primary education plays in the economic health and quality of life in our State.

Please allow me to strongly and unequivocally endorse Mr. Mizumoto's appointment to the BOE. Thank you for your consideration of GM-783.

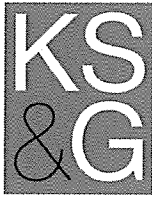
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Catherine Ngo
President and Chief Operating Officer

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Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee,

My name is Craig Shikuma. I am a partner in the law firm of Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda. As a proud graduate of Waiakeawaena, Waiakea Intermediate and Hilo High School, I am interested in the quality of public school education in Hawaii. The Board of Education (BOE) has a critical impact on the quality of public school education and, therefore, should be comprised of strong leaders with a vision, passion and commitment to improve our public education system. Mr. Lance Mizumoto undoubtedly has these qualities.

Mr. Mizumoto has the needed vision, passion and commitment to improve our public school system. Besides his intelligence and business savvy, Mr. Mizumoto possesses the temperament and common sense that we need to bring true progress. He is able to understand and process all of the complex—and often conflicting—issues surrounding our public schools. He is also able to bring together many different interests to forge agreements and compromises that our school system surely needs.

Mr. Mizumoto has demonstrated the positive impact he can make as a leader, as well as a team player, in his capacity as President and Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank, Regent on the board of Chaminade University, and Director on the board of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. He possesses the depth of business and community experience to understand and appreciate the vital role that quality primary education plays in the business activity, the economic health and the quality of life in our State.

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I have had the pleasure of being associated with Lance for over 30 years, and in addition to his leadership and expertise, I can attest that his integrity and sincerity are beyond reproach. Our community is fortunate to have Lance as a candidate for public service on the BOE.

Thank you for your consideration of GM-783.

Sincerely,

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Craig K. Shikuma

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Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee:

My name is Dean Hirata, president of the 'ike family of companies. The Board of Education (BOE) has a critical impact on the quality of education for our future generations in Hawaii, and therefore, must be comprised of strong leaders with a vision and a passion for our public education system. Mr. Lance Mizumoto undoubtedly provides these qualities that are needed in the BOE.

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Thank you for your consideration of GM-783.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Education Committee;

My name is Dean Uchida, I am the current Chair of the BIA's Government Relations Committee (GRC), and also the Chair of the Chamber Committee on Infrastructure, Transportation and Quality of Life (ITQL). The Board of Education (BOE) has a critical impact on the quality of education for our future generations which will provide the workforce for business throughout the State. The Board of Education must be comprised of strong leaders with a vision and a passion for our public education system. Mr. Lance Mizumoto undoubtedly provides these qualities that are needed in the BOE.

Mr. Mizumoto has over 25 years of banking and financial institution experience in Hawaii. This experience is vital to the Board as it oversees one of the largest budgets for the Department of Education in the State of Hawaii.

Based on Mr. Mizumoto's business experience, and being a product of the public school system in Hawaii (Pearl City High School), I believe he will make a significant contribution to improving public education in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration of GM-783.

Sincerely,

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Dean Uchida, Deputy
Project Management Group

April 13, 2015

The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
State Senate, Committee on Education
And Members of the Education Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: In SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing LANCE MIZUMOTO to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee;

My name is Denis K. Isono, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Central Pacific Bank. The Board of Education (BOE) has a critical impact on the quality of education for our future generations in Hawaii, and therefore, must be comprised of strong leaders with a vision and a passion for our public education system. Mr. Lance Mizumoto undoubtedly provides these qualities that are needed in the BOE and is an exemplary product of our public education system.

Mr. Mizumoto has demonstrated the positive impact he can make as a leader, as well as a team player, in his capacity as President and Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank. Mr. Mizumoto has been with the bank through a challenging time and played a very important role in getting our bank back to profitability. He also demonstrates his leadership in various organizations in our community, including serving as a Regent on the board of Chaminade University, and Director on the board of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. He possesses the depth of business and community experience to understand, and appreciate, the vital role that quality education plays in the business activity, the economic health, and the quality of life in our State.

I have the pleasure of working with Lance for more than 10 years, and in addition to his leadership and expertise, I can attest to his core values, sincerity, passion and his work ethic. I know he holds the education of our Keiki at a critical level of importance and will work to continually improve their educational opportunities. Our community is fortunate to have a candidate for public service at the caliber of Lance Mizumoto.

Thank you for your consideration of GM-783.

Sincerely,



Denis K. Isono
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
Central Pacific Bank



STATE OF HAWAII
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(Via Email senkidani@capitol.hawaii.gov)

April 14, 2015

The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani
Chairperson
Senate Education Committee
415 South Beretania Street, Room 228
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Letter of Support for Nominee to the Board of Education, Lance A. Mizumoto

Dear Chairperson Kidani and members of the committee:

I wish to offer my strong support for the confirmation of the appointment of Lance A. Mizumoto to become a member of the State Board of Education as an at-large member. I have known Lance personally and professionally for over twenty years. He is a person of high integrity and has a commitment to serve others. His strong financial background and passion for education should serve him well in his board capacities. He is a good listener, works well with all stakeholders to reach a win/win solution to any challenge—all excellent traits for the required board duties. I am confident he will work well and effectively with the existing board members, new members, and staff. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Donald G. Horner
Chairperson

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April 14, 2015

The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senate Committee on Education

Friday, April 17, 2015, 1:15 p.m.

Conference Room 228, State Capitol

Testimony submitted by: Howard S. Garval, MSW, President & CEO, Child & Family Service

RE: In SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing Lance Mizumoto to the Board of Education

Aloha, Chair Kidani, Vice-Chair Harimoto and Committee members. I am Howard S. Garval, President & CEO of Child & Family Service, Hawaii's oldest and most comprehensive human service nonprofit organization with services on every island and touching the lives of 40,000 Hawaii residents from keiki to Kūpuna each year. I am testifying in strong support of the nomination of Lance Mizumoto to the State Board of Education.

It is often said that education is the path out of poverty and that it is critical to the success of our young people as well as our community. For such an important societal task as education, we need strong leaders at the Board of Education and those with a passion for public education like Lance Mizumoto, a product himself of the public schools in Hawaii.

Mr. Mizumoto clearly has demonstrated positive impact and has been a team player in his capacity as President and Chief Banking Officer for Central Pacific Bank. He has also demonstrated leadership as a Regent on the board of Chaminade University and as a Director on the board of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Mizumoto when he co-chaired our annual fundraising event two years ago when Central Pacific Bank was our presenting sponsor. I knew Mr. Mizumoto prior to this, but over the course of several months I saw Mr. Mizumoto provide outstanding and passionate leadership in leading the fundraising for the event. He also demonstrated his being a team player by joining with other CFS board members and event vice-chairs to prepare for the fun entertainment we provided at the event.

In addition to Mr. Mizumoto's leadership and team player abilities, he is a person who truly cares about his community and he exhibits a sincerity in the way he interacts and treats others that reflects the Aloha spirit.

I believe the community will be well served by confirming Mr. Mizumoto's nomination to the Board of Education. The Board will be getting someone of high caliber who also is an exemplary product of the public education system here in Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity and honor to submit testimony.

With warm Aloha,

Howard S. Garval, MSW, President & CEO

{ Keiki to Kūpuna }

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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: In SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing LANCE MIZUMOTO to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee;

My name is Jason Nagai, Executive Director & Advisory Services Leader of Ernst & Young's Honolulu Office. I strongly support the appointment of Mr. Lance Mizumoto to the Board of Education (BOE).


As a product of our public education system (primary and secondary) and the son of a public elementary school teacher I recognize the direct impact that the BOE has on both the quality of education for our youth, as well as the broader impact it can have on the future of our state. Having a BOE that is comprised of strong leaders who understand and are committed to their role in shaping the current and future state of our public education system is critical in order to remain competitive as a state – in the industries and services we serve, overall quality of life, and keeping the best and brightest here in Hawaii.

Mr. Mizumoto has demonstrated his leadership ability and positive impact he can have in the business sector – as President and Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank. In his current role, he was instrumental in the turn-around of a community bank who serves a large number of families and small businesses here in Hawaii. He has also demonstrated a strong sense of giving back to the community by serving on several not-for-profit boards including serving as a Regent on the board of Chaminade University and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

I have personally known Lance for many years and can attest to his exemplary core values, sincerity in his desire to serve & have a positive impact on the BOE, and a passion to improve the educational opportunities for the youth of Hawaii. I know Lance has been very selective in choosing the organizations he serves in order to make sure that he can devote the proper time and attention to them. As a result, our community is fortunate to have a candidate for the BOE like Lance and I fully support his appointment.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to support testimony in favor of GM-783.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Nagai", written in a cursive style.

Jason Nagai

April 14, 2015

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State Senate, Committee on Education
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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: In SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing LANCE MIZUMOTO to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee;

My name is John Dean, Chairman and CEO of Central Pacific Bank, and I would like to express my strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Lance Mizumoto's appointment to the Board of Education (BOE).

I have worked closely with Lance for the past five years and can attest to the positive impact he has made as a leader, as well as a team player, in his capacity as President and Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank. In addition to being a key member of our executive team responsible for the turnaround and stabilization of our company, Lance has always been a strong supporter of our community with the vision and passion to create a better Hawaii. He currently serves as Regent on the board of Chaminade University, and Director on the board of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

The BOE plays a critical role in ensuring the quality of our public education system for the future generations of Hawaii. I believe that Lance, as an exemplary product of Hawaii's public education system himself, possesses the depth of business and community experience to understand, and appreciate, the vital role that quality primary education plays in the economic health and the quality of life in our State.

Our community is fortunate to have a candidate for public service at the caliber of Lance Mizumoto, and I urge the members of the Senate Committee on Education to confirm his appointment to the Board of Education.

Thank you for your consideration of GM-783.

Sincerely,

John C. Dean
Chairman and CEO
Central Pacific Bank

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April 16, 2015

**The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

I am respectfully submitting my strong support for the confirmation of Lance A. Mizumoto to the Board of Education. I have known Mr. Mizumoto for years as a Bank Executive for many of Hawaii's financial institutions and as a personal friend. During this time, I have seen Mr. Mizumoto's strong interest in Hawaii's youth and our public education system.

Mr. Mizumoto is highly intelligent, supportive, independent, and possesses a caring attitude. His prior experiences in finance should allow him to continue his outstanding work in understanding and helping to develop the very complex Department of Education's Budget. I believe Mr. Mizumoto has the necessary background, skills and attitude to be an excellent member of the State Board of Education.

I strongly urge you to support and confirm Mr. Lance Mizumoto for the Board of Education.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide my testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith T. Fujio".

Keith T. Fujio
Special Assistant to the State Librarian
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith K. Hiraoka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee on Education: I write in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Lance A. Mizumoto to the Board of Education. Mr. Mizumoto and I were schoolmates at Highlands Intermediate School, Pearl City High School and the University of Hawaii, Manoa. As the President and Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank, he is a great example of the value of public education. I am confident that he will use his experience in the Hawai'i public schools and his knowledge of business, finance and banking to better the Department of Education for students, teachers and administrators. Thank you for allowing me to voice my support of this nomination. Very truly yours, /s/ Keith K. Hiraoka

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Kendra Ito-Mizota	Individual	Support	No

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Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: In SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing LANCE MIZUMOTO to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee;

My name is Kenneth T. Uemura, President of KUemura, LLC. The Board of Education (BOE) has a critical impact on the quality of education for our future generations in Hawaii, and therefore, must be comprised of strong leaders with a vision and a passion for our public education system. Mr. Lance Mizumoto undoubtedly provides these qualities that are needed in the BOE.

Mr. Mizumoto has demonstrated the positive impact he can make as a leader, as well as a team player, in his capacity as President and Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank, Regent on the board of Chaminade University, and Director on the board of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. He possesses the depth of business and community experience to understand, and appreciate, the vital role that quality primary education plays in the business activity, the economic health, and the quality of life in our State.

I have had the pleasure of working and being associated with Lance for 22 years, and in addition to his leadership and expertise, I can attest to his core values, sincerity, and passion to continually improve the educational opportunities for our youth in Hawaii. Our community is fortunate to have a candidate for public service at the caliber of Lance Mizumoto, who himself is an exemplary product of our public education system.

Thank you for your consideration of GM-783.

Sincerely,

Kenneth T. Uemura
President



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

April 13, 2015

The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
State Senate, Committee on Education
And Members of the Education Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, HI 96813

SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing LANCE MIZUMOTO to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Senate Education Committee;

My name is Kent K. Tsukamoto and I am the Managing Partner of Accuity LLP, Certified Public Accountants. I am writing in strong support of the appointment of Mr. Lance Mizumoto to the State of Hawaii Board of Education (BOE). Mr. Mizumoto is a proud product of the Hawaii public school system and is uniquely qualified to provide the leadership and statesmanship that are needed in the BOE.

Mr. Mizumoto is a caring, compassionate leader both in business and community endeavors. He possesses the depth of business and community experience to understand, and appreciate, the vital role that quality primary education plays in the business activity, the economic health, and the quality of life in our State.

I have had the pleasure of being associated with Lance for over eight years in business as well as community efforts. I can attest to his core values, sincerity, and passion to continually improve the educational opportunities for our youth in Hawaii. I urge you to confirm his appointment.

Mahalo for your consideration of the appointment of Lance Mizumoto to the BOE. He will do a great job.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kent K. Tsukamoto", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kent K. Tsukamoto
Managing Partner

Lawrence D. Rodriguez
2110 Laukahi St.
Honolulu, HI 96821

April 14, 2015

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State Senate, Committee on Education
And Members of the Education Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
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RE: In SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing LANCE MIZUMOTO to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee;

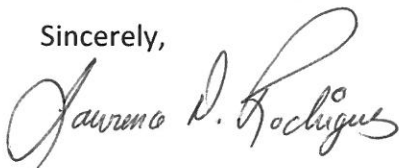
I am providing this letter in support of Lance Mizumoto's nomination to serve on the Board of Education (BOE). The BOE has a critical impact on the quality of education in Hawaii, and therefore, must be comprised of strong leaders with a vision and a passion for our public education system. Lance undoubtedly provides these qualities that are needed in the BOE.

I have known Lance for more than eight years. In his capacity as President and Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank, and Director on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, I have worked with him and he has always demonstrated the qualities of a true leader. Lance is a collaborative individual who is always a team player. He possesses the depth of business and community experience to understand, and appreciate, the vital role that quality primary education plays in the business activity, the economic health, and the quality of life in our State.

I can attest to Lance's core values, his integrity, sincerity, and passion to continually improve the opportunities for our community. We are fortunate to have a candidate for public service at the caliber of Lance Mizumoto, who himself is an exemplary product of our public education system.

In encourage you to support his nomination to the Board of Education.

Sincerely,



Lawrence D. Rodriguez
Retired Managing Partner, Ernst & Young – Hawaii
Retired Executive VP & CFO, Central Pacific Financial Corp.

April 13, 2015

The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
State Senate, Committee on Education
And Members of the Education Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: In SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing LANCE MIZUMOTO to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee:

My name is Layne H. Wada and I was born and raised in Capt. Cook, Hawaii and a graduate of the public school system (Konawaena High School) and believe the Board of Education (BOE) has a critical impact on the quality of education for our future generations in Hawaii. The BOE must be comprised of strong leaders with a vision and a passion for our public education system and know Mr. Lance Mizumoto undoubtedly possesses these qualities.

Lance has demonstrated the positive impact he can make as a leader, as well as a team player, in his capacity as President and Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank, Regent on the board of Chaminade University, and Director on the board of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. He possesses the depth of business and community experience to understand, appreciate and, as a public school graduate, use his experiences to relate the pivotal role that quality primary education plays and its connection with the business activity, the economic health, and the quality of life in our State.

I had the pleasure of meeting Lance through business over 15+ years ago and is now a personal friend, and in addition to his leadership and expertise, I can attest to his core values, integrity, sincerity, and passion to continually improve the educational opportunities for our youth in Hawaii. Our community is fortunate to have Lance Mizumoto as a candidate for public service who wishes to dedicate himself to this effort.

Thank you for your consideration of GM-783.

Very truly yours,

By
Layne H. Wada

Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

Friday, April 17, 2015; 1:15 PM
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Re: GM 783 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, LANCE A. MIZUMOTO, for a term to expire 6-30-2018 – IN STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Lance A. Mizumoto to the Board of Education.

Lance is President & Chief Banking Officer for Central Pacific Bank. He has a passion for public education, being a product of the public school system. Lance is willing to commit the time to the Board as this is very important to him.

I met Lance through his community service and have been impressed his integrity, professionalism and leadership skills. His outstanding character and genuine concern for Hawaii's children will make him an asset to the Board of Education.

Your favorable action on his confirmation is respectfully requested. The Board of Education and State of Hawaii will be well served by his participation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,



Lori Lum
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Marvin H. Nishiki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chairwomen Michelle Kidani and members of the Education Committee RE:In support of GM 783,appointing Lance Mizumoto to the Board of Education My name is Marvin Nishiki and I am the owner of Island Dental Lab The quality of our educational system in Hawaii is dependent on the BOE for establishing policy and guidelines for educating our keiki and preparing them for their future. Lance Mizumoto is a product of the public school system. I think it has served him well. Today, the education system is being challenged like no other time in history and it requires good stewardship from our leaders in the community. I believe Lance will reflect on his upbringing and bring energy and vision. He will be a contributor to a system that needs to address issues to improve our public education system. I have known Lance and his whole family for 15yrs and he has always been a sincere and trustworthy friend. I believe his parents, Allen and Miriam have raised him well and you can expect a hard working and passionate board member. Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimonial in support of Lance Mizumoto in consideration of GM-783. Respectfully, Marvin H. Nishiki

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Robbie Alm	Individual	Support	No

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Terri Fujii
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April 15, 2015

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State Senate, Committee on Education
And Members of the Education Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: In SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing LANCE MIZUMOTO to the Board of Education

Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee:

I am Terri Fujii, a CPA licensed in the State of Hawaii, a retired office managing partner of Ernst & Young LLP, a current audit partner with CW Associates, CPAs, a graduate of Kalani High School, and a past Chair of the Public Charter School Commission. The Board of Education (BOE) plays a vital role in overseeing the State's educational system and making sure that our future generations receive a quality education through the public school system. The members of the BOE must be strong, thoughtful leaders who are committed to the future of Hawaii. Mr. Lance Mizumoto possess all of the qualities needed by the BOE –commitment to making the educational system in Hawaii better, a strong and proven leader, and good business experience and acumen. On top of all of those qualities, he is also a public school graduate.

In his current position as President and Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank, Mr. Mizumoto has shown that he has the business knowledge and experience needed to run a significant organization, and has the support of his fellow executives and board of directors. He not only is a leader, but is also a member of the team. His experiences as a Regent of the Board of Chaminade University and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii will serve him well as a member of the BOE. Mr. Mizumoto possesses the depth of business and community experience to understand, and appreciate, the vital role that quality primary education has on the economic health and the quality of life in Hawaii.

I have had the pleasure of working and being associated with Lance for approximately 5 years. In addition to his leadership and business acumen, I can attest to his core values, sincerity, and passion for helping to make Hawaii a better place. Serving as a member of the BOE will be one more way for Lance to be able to effectively serve our community.

Thank you for your consideration of GM-783.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Fujii".

Terri Fujii

88 Piikoi Street, 1609
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
April 13, 2015

The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
State Senate, Committee on Education
And Members of the Education Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: In SUPPORT of GM-783 appointing LANCE MIZUMOTO to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee;

My name is Thomas R. (Rick) Keller. For over 15 years, I served the State of Hawaii in the Department of the Attorney General and the Judiciary. This service included four years as the First Deputy Attorney General and seven years as the Administrative Director of the Courts. The Board of Education (BOE) has a critical impact on the quality of education for our future generations in Hawaii, and therefore, must be comprised of strong leaders with a vision and a passion for our public education system. Mr. Lance Mizumoto undoubtedly provides these qualities that are needed in the BOE.

Mr. Mizumoto has demonstrated the positive impact he can make as a leader, as well as a team player, in his capacity as President and Chief Banking Officer of Central Pacific Bank, Regent on the board of Chaminade University, and Director on the board of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. He possesses the depth of business and community experience to understand, and appreciate, the vital role that quality primary education plays in the business activity, the economic health, and the quality of life in our State.

I have had the pleasure of being associated with Lance for nine years, and in addition to his leadership and expertise, I can attest to his core values, sincerity, and passion to continually improve the educational opportunities for our youth in Hawaii. Our community is fortunate to have a candidate for public service at the caliber of Lance Mizumoto, who himself is an exemplary product of our public education system. Lance is a leader of character who will bring the kind of leadership to the Board of Education that will positively impact families for generations.

Thank you for your consideration of GM-783.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Keller

April 14, 2015

To: Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Education

Re: Testimony in support of Lance Mizumoto's nomination to the Board of Education
(GM 783)
Hearing Date: April 17, 2015
Hearing Time: 1:15 p.m.

Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members:

Please accept this testimony in support of Lance Mizumoto's nomination to the Board of Education.

I have come to know the nominee while serving as the dean of the Shidler College of Business at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and find him well suited to serve on the Board. During that time, I have been impressed by his involvement in the College's mentorship programs and our annual student-driven Business Night event. His commitment to facilitating and enhancing the educational experience of students at the university level is admirable and I am confident he will use that experience and enthusiasm to benefit both primary and secondary education as a member of the Board of Education.

The Board of Education will benefit greatly from his expertise and I urge the committee to confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,



V. Vance Roley

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vanessa Ott	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I submitted written testimony regarding all nominees to the Board of Education to EDUtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov. My specific reasons for opposing GM 783 are fully described in that written testimony. Please do not add another banker to the Board of Education. Mahalo.

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re: Testimony to the Hawai'i Senate EDU Committee

Hearing Date: **April 17, 2015**

re: **GM 782, GM 783, GM 784**; *Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Education*

Aloha Chair Kidani and Members of the Senate EDU Committee,

I ask that the Senate approve Governor Ige's nominations for new Board of Education members *only* if they are willing to work toward improving DOE and BOE openness, transparency, responsiveness, and public involvement. This is a crucial value system our State BOE members must possess if we are going to be able to build a world-class education system.

Therefore, I ask the Senate to evaluate each candidate's ability and willingness to implement an open model of BOE / DOE operations.

Between now and the 4/17/15 EDU Committee Hearing, there is little time to ask the candidates to submit their plans for improving BOE operations to make the Board more available and responsive to the public. So, I suggest a simple test. Please ask each candidate:

- *"Will you support video recordings of BOE meetings made available to the public on the BOE web site within 5 days after each meeting?"*

A candidate who is unwilling to support this simple yet necessary change is not someone who should be appointed to the BOE.

Another crucial point I'd like to make about the composition of the BOE is diversity. I do not mean racial diversity, though that is desirable, too. I mean diversity in expertise and experience that will fill some gaping holes.

It is alarming that there is not one person on the appointed Board of Education who has experience teaching in a post-NCLB public elementary or middle school in Hawai'i. This would mean someone who was in the classroom, on the front lines dealing with education "reform" in a public school after NCLB was enacted nationally (2001), and after Act 51 was enacted in Hawai'i (2004). A good candidate would be someone who retired from teaching sometime after 2009 and thus has the time to devote to the BOE and a firm grasp of the reality of our public education system today.

I have no doubt there is a good candidate out there who fits this description, and I have a strong suspicion that the Governor and his staff did little if anything to proactively go out and find such a candidate. From their resumes, none of the nominees seem to have this experience.

Regarding Mr. Mizumoto's appointment.

I respectfully ask that the Senate not approve Mr. Mizumoto's appointment.

While experience in finance is valuable skill for at least one Board member, the BOE already has a banker on the Board, Chair Don Horner, whose Board membership doesn't expire until 2017. *Two* bankers who never worked in Hawai'i's public schools on a small Board of only 9 people is one banker too many. We need greater diversity of experience on the BOE

The overwhelming influence of First Hawaiian Bank is also a concern. Mr. Mizumoto was a V.P. for the First Hawaiian Bank; Don Horner is the retired CEO of First Hawaiian Bank. I don't think two people who've worked for the same powerful organization should simultaneously sit on the Board of Education no matter what the organization is. This is not diversity.

In summary:

- **Please do not approve any nominee to the Board of Education who is unwilling to work toward greater BOE / DOE transparency and public accountability.**
- **Please do not approve Mr. Mizumoto's appointment to the Board of Education (GM 783).**
- **Please ask the Governor to bring to the Senate and the People of Hawai'i a candidate who was an elementary or middle school teacher in a Hawai'i public school teacher as of 2009 or later.**

Mahalo,



Vanessa Ott

p.s. My editorial published by Civil Beat in January 2015 about video recordings of Board Meetings is available here:

www.civilbeat.com/2015/01/21st-century-schools-require-a-21st-century-board-of-education/

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The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
State Senate, Committee on Education
And Members of the Education Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: In Support of GM-783 appointing Lance Mizumoto to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Education Committee,

My name is Wayne Kato, President of Painter's Warehouse, Inc. I've known Lance and his family for over 52 years...since we were classmates at St Paul Lutheran (across from the Koko Head Fire Station in Kaimuki). His parents were instrumental in his early understanding and appreciation for the importance of family, the importance of service to our country, and the importance of giving back to the community.

Over his lifetime, Lance has accumulated an impressive resume of accomplishments in the military, business, and nonprofit communities. He continues to expose his strong character and core values by his actions...always taking leadership roles in any organization he participates in.

What impresses me most, however, has been his positive response to adversity. Lance's skills and conviction were tested as part of Central Pacific Bank's leadership team during the recent financial crisis.

The following invaluable lessons learned, skills sharpened, and experiences gained during this difficult time would serve the Board of Education well:

- . Good listener. Having the ability to sift through large volumes of information to ultimately identify, understand, and prioritize what the main issues and challenges are.
- . Facilitate discussions. Focus on main issues and don't let emotion or the status quo interfere with the flow of ideas.
- . Mediate disagreements toward consensus. Ability to make the tough, sometimes uncomfortable decisions.

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- . Develop goals, a plan of action, and benchmark desired results.
- . Support final plan and the decisions of the team.
- . Execute plan. Hands-on, monitor results, revise as needed.

Thank you for considering Lance Mizumoto as a member of the Board of Education. I believe his unique mix of life experiences will lead him to fair and compassionate decisions with the long term benefit to Hawaii's Keiki, Teachers, Administrators, and DOE Support Staff in mind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Kato". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Wayne Kato
President, Painter's Warehouse, Inc