



SENATOR NORMAN SAKAMOTO

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Education Commission of the States

The Education Commission of the States (ECS) was established in 1965 by the states to help governors, legislators, state education officials and other policymakers identify, develop and implement policies to improve student learning at all levels.

ECS helps develop effective policy and practices for public education by providing data, research, analysis and leadership; and by facilitating collaboration, the exchange of ideas among the states and long-range strategic thinking.

I have been involved with ECS since July 2001 when I was appointed a Hawaii State Commissioner of ECS. In August, ECS held its annual National Forum on Education Policy in Portland, Oregon. As the Chair of the National Forum Planning Committee, we worked with ECS staff and committee to review and approve the overall design and desired outcomes of the ECS annual meeting. The National Forum is the only major national education conference that draws policy leaders from every role within the state governance structure and focuses on state education policy issues.



Senator Sakamoto with 2008-10 Education Commission of the States Chair and Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty



The dedication and blessing of the newly renovated **Hale Aloha Complex Residence Halls** at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, which cost just under \$25 million to complete. The renovations include the first floor, top floor community spaces and all bathrooms.

DISTRICT NEWS

Last December, the City paved several side streets (Ala Amoamo), several intersecting streets to the main road (Ala Mahamoe) and the street fronting the Moanalua Elementary and Middle schools (Mahiole).

At that time a worker for the contractor indicated that the main street (Ala Mahamoe) was also scheduled to be repaved. That was almost 9 months ago and nothing has been done to the main road since.

The City and County of Honolulu has confirmed that Ala Mahamoe Street was put under a different contract and the City is now waiting for the money to be put in place. Everything is ready to go and the work could begin as early as a few weeks, depending on the new contractor's schedule and weather.

Schedule of Community Meetings September & October 2010

Neighborhood Board Meetings

Aiea NB No. 20

Monday, September 13, 7:30 PM

Monday, October 11, 7:30PM

Aiea Library Conference Room

Aliamanu/ Salt Lake/ Foster Village NB No. 18

Thursday, September 9, 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 14, 7:00PM

Oahu Veterans Center

Kalihi-Palama NB No.15

Wednesday, September 15, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 20, 7:00PM

Kapalama Elementary School Cafeteria

Community & School Associations

Moanalua Gardens Community Association

Tuesday, September 7, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, October 5, 7:00PM

Moanalua Middle, Room B2

Children and Youth Day at the Hawaii State Capitol

Sunday, October 3, 10:00AM – 3:00PM

For more information, call 586-6130

Senior Fair at Pearlridge Shopping Center, Uptown

Saturday, October 23, 9:00AM – 2:00PM

For more information, call 586-6170

Keiki I.D. Day at Pearl Kai McDonalds

Saturday, October 23, 9:00AM – 1:00PM

For more information, call 586-6230



Senator Sakamoto with Leilehua High School's Leo Club students at the **28th Annual Okinawan Festival** at Kapiolani Park



The **Aiea/Pearl City Legislators and staff** hosted a **Town Hall Meeting** on Thursday, August 12 at Pearlridge Elementary to discuss the issue of an appointed vs. a fully elected Board of Education, Race to the Top updates, and presentation on Adopt-a-School Day. Thank you to our hardworking staff and presenters for making the Town Hall meeting a success and to the community for coming out to learn about these important issues and programs!



The Hawaii Jaycees **Adopt-A-School Day Kick Off Rally** at Ala Moana Center Stage gearing up for the Annual Statewide Adopt-a-School Day which will take place on **October 10, 2010**. Patrick Tomiyasu and the Hawaii Jaycees shared with the Aiea/Pearl City community at our Town Hall meeting about their upcoming event. For more information and ways that you can get involved, please visit www.hawaiijaycees.org.

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