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| Justin S. N. Mew | Testifying for HIDOE: Kaiser High School | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

In support of veteran Principal Kim Saunders, my colleague, to serve on the HTSB through June 30, 2025.

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| Jennifer Welsch | Testifying for Ewa Makai Middles School | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I have known Principal Sanders for the last 6 years on a personal and professional level. Both of my older children have attended Ewa Makai. I have one child who is currently an 8th grader at Ewa Makai and one in High School who attended 6th, 7th & 8th grade. Being a new parent at the time when my kids transferred to Ewa Makai, I was so impressed that if I ever had an issue or question and needed to talk to Principal Sanders, she would always make herself available to talk, or if she was not available, she got back to you right away. Principal Sanders was always willing to find a positive solution for anything going on with my children and that was very comforting as a parent to see how much she cared about her students.

Principal Sanders is always out interacting and talking with the students and staff and is involved with so many student /staff activities. I know that is one of the things my kids loved about the school, is her positive energy and being so approachable. I know it made school feel like a safe place for them. Principal Sanders was always there to help my kids whether it was personal or academically. My children loved all the great classes Ewa Makai had to offer, that would help to transition them into their high school education. I feel my kids received a great education and had a good middle school experience because of Principal Sanders positive leadership.

On a professional level, I was on the PTO for several years, I was a parent representative on the School Community Counsel, and I currently work with Principal Sanders as the PCNC at Ewa Makai. I see on a daily basis Principal Sanders commitment to the teachers, staff and students to make sure she is doing the best she can for them, and let them know she hears them and appreciates them. She will always try to find a way to make things happen, if it is something that is positive and will help the students, staff or teachers. She creates such a positive work environment that makes Ewa Makai the great school it is.

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| Iarisa gadach | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Kim is absolutely the best! I have worked as her Vice Principal for the past 9 nine years, and she has a large part in shaping me into the administrator I am today. Kim is genuine, generous, giving, selfless, and caring to her entire staff and student body. She is a true believer in positive relationships being the core of forward movement, and is continuously developing and maintaining them with the entire school community. She has our students' best interests at heart with every decision she makes, and always looking for input and feedback from all the stakeholders involved. She is so supportive of her staff and students by tending to their needs, giving opportunities to grow, and allowing their strengths to shine. It is so evident that Kim loves her job as a principal, based on her constant positive attitude, her ability to collaborate with others, her creative problem solving skills, and her love of learning.

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| Justin Carmichael | Testifying for HDOE - Ewa Makai Middle School | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am in full support of GM571. Principal Kim Sanders is an excellent candidate for serving on the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board. Her wide range of educational experience from around the world creates a dynamic leader, positive influencer, and humbled educator. Her leadership style empowers her staff to grow, learn, and challenge themselves to be some better employees who impacts the next generation. She understands that the school climate is an important element to the success of a child's learning. Her approach to student achievement and student voice is essential for allowing students to feel valued and accepted no matter where they come from or their background. She listens to everyone carefully and makes those difficult decisions with students, staff, and overall equity in mind. She fosters the school community by ensuring that parents and key stakeholders are involved in the learning that takes place on the campus. She will be a great addition to the board helping to bring different perspectives, ideas, and innovation to move the board forward in the upcoming years.