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Thank you for your consideration of support for facilities expansion for Mālama Honua Public Charter School (MHPCS). MHPCS is dedicated to creating a positive, culture-based and strengths-based education environment for students and families in Waimanalo. In conjunction with the Worldwide Voyage of Hawaii's voyaging canoe, Hokulea, our curriculum and approach helps children to see themselves as leaders that can make a positive contribution to the health of our communities and our environment. They have already made a significant difference in Waimanalo, removing marine debris, creating gardens, providing community updates at the neighborhood board, and initiating a "zero plastic waste" challenge with their families, friends, and teachers. They are applying their learning in meaningful ways as we cultivate their academic, social, and emotional development. Our students and families have remarkable strengths, and we focus on how to identify and grow each child's strengths in a true community school setting. **Last year, all of our entering kindergarten students—100%--entered the school year below grade level in reading. By the end of the year, 80% of these students were on track to demonstrate reading proficiency, and 90% math proficiency.**

In an independent survey of charter schools by Kamehameha Schools, we learned that our collaborative and strengths-based approach with students and their families is building the type of trust needed to grow a thriving school community:

- **100% of parents "strongly agree" or "agree" that they feel welcome when they contact or visit MHPCS**
- **100% of parents "strongly agree" or "agree" that they feel comfortable sharing their opinions or concerns with school staff**
- **100% of parents "strongly agree" or "agree" that they are taken seriously by school staff when they have concerns**
- **100% parent participation in student-led conferences 1st semester**
- **95% parent participation in parent-teacher conferences 2nd semester**

Now we need a larger school site that can support the growth of this thriving community. With the next phase of development of Hawaiian Homelands in Waimanalo, hundreds of additional families will move to the area, and we are focusing our attention on complementing the existing elementary schools in the area with a school of choice that offers a hands-on, place-based, and culture-based program that supports diverse learning styles and needs. The foundation of trust and accessibility that our school instructional team and leadership have cultivated will be an invaluable asset toward working WITH our families to establish a new facility that helps us to expand and serve more students in the community.

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We accept and embrace the responsibility that we have to provide an excellent education for our students. We thank you for considering joining this effort in such a significant way, and we thank you for helping the students understand how much we all believe in them. We strive to match the potential of these young leaders, and provide them with the expanded learning environment that they need and deserve.

Me ka ha'a ha'a,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marisa Hayase".

Marisa Hayase

Board Chair, Mālama Honua PCS



Mālama Honua Public Charter School



At Mālama Honua PCS, we prepare our students to be community leaders and environmental stewards for their home island and the world. Through hands-on projects, Mālama Honua PCS students apply academic learning, cultural knowledge and enduring Hawaiian values to create innovative solutions for environmental sustainability.

The Hawaiian double-hulled sailing canoe, Hōkūle'a, is circumnavigating the earth to explore what it means to navigate a sustainable future for our islands and all of island earth. At Mālama Honua Public Charter School, students help create that sustainable future in their own community. Our student-written mission is: All students and teachers will become caring, compassionate, and loving navigators that live *aloha, mālama, 'imi 'ike, lokomaika'i, na'au pono, and olakino maika'i* with the skills of a 21st century learner.