



# Hawaii's Race to the Top: September 2011 Update

## Transforming Hawaii's Public Schools

### MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS/UPDATES AS OF SEPTEMBER 2011/UPCOMING MILESTONES

#### STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS – TYING HIGH –QUALITY STANDARDS & ASSESSMENTS TO CURRICULUM:

- **ADOPTED COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS.** Hawaii has joined more than 40 other states, D.C., and two territories in committing to the Common Core State Standards Initiative, a state-led process to develop internationally benchmarked K-12 standards in English language arts and math that will prepare *all* students for college and career.
- **INTRODUCED DATA FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT (DSI) PROJECT.** For the first time ever, all Hawaii public school educators have access to a bank of English language arts and mathematics formative assessment items which enable teachers to develop their own assessments, score student responses, and store the results securely.
- **JOINED THE SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT CONSORTIUM (SBAC).** SBAC will develop common summative assessments. The assessments will enable a comparison of performance across states, are reported on a common scale, and promote embedded professional development. Hawaii serves as a governing member.
- **ADMINISTERED ONLINE HAWAII STATE ASSESSMENTS.** The first online adaptive version of the Hawaii State Assessment test was administered to approximately 95,000 students in reading, mathematics, and science in school year 2010-11.
- **CONDUCTED COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS (CCSS) TRAINING & IMPLEMENTATION OF CCSS IN GRADES K, 1, 2, 11 AND 12.** Hawaii has completed the first two phases of its five-phase professional development plan for educators and is on track to implement CCSS by 2014-15. Implementation of CCSS in grades K, 1, 2, 11, and 12 have begun in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics, as well as Algebra II courses. Report cards for grades K, 1 and 2 have been revised to align to CCSS in ELA and math.
- **COLLEGE- AND CAREER-READY (CCR) DIPLOMA.** The Hawaii State Board of Education unanimously approved new "Hawaii High School Diploma" requirements aimed at ensuring all students graduate ready to enter college and compete in a global workforce. The Class of 2016 will be the first students to earn the CCR diploma.

#### DATA SYSTEMS - IMPROVING LONGITUDINAL DATA COLLECTION AND USE:

- **CONVENED FIRST HAWAII PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH CONSORTIUM (HPERC) MEETING.** This partnership will increase the DOE's access to educational research that will improve instruction and increase student success.
- **FULFILLED ALL ELEMENTS OF AMERICA COMPETES ACT.** Hawaii has met all 12 elements in America COMPETES. The federal government codified the elements of a P-20 education data system and required states to commit to building a data system that consists of all elements as a condition of receiving State Fiscal Stabilization Funds.
- **INTRODUCED SCHOOL DASHBOARD REPORTS TO ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS.** The dashboard reports include a diverse set of indicators that will help inform critical decision-making processes by administrators. Longitudinal data reports are now available to approximately 12,700 teachers.
- **NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### GREAT TEACHERS AND GREAT LEADERS – CULTIVATING, REWARDING, AND LEVERAGING EFFECTIVE TEACHING AND LEADING:

- **RECEIVED COMMITMENTS FROM UNIONS.** The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) and Hawaii Government Employees Association (HGEA) have committed to negotiate with the state to attain the goals of Race to the Top.
- **"GOLD STANDARD" INDUCTION AND MENTORING PROGRAMS FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS.** A comprehensive three-year induction program, adopted in Sept. 2011, will engage beginning teachers in a system of support to accelerate teacher effectiveness and student learning.

#### ZONES OF SCHOOL INNOVATION (ZSI) – PROVIDING TARGETED SUPPORT TO STRUGGLING SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS:

- **CREATED THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC REFORM (OSR).** OSR provides targeted state-level support and leadership for reform.
- **ESTABLISHED CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESS IN THE ZSIs.** ZSIs collaboratively developed reform action plans.
- **PROVIDED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS.** Summer 2011 ZSI professional development for teachers focused on various topics including leadership development, CCSS, comprehensive needs assessments, and data analyses.
- **SCHOOL TURNAROUND PARTNER**

#### REFORM SUPPORT & BUILDING CAPACITY – ENGAGING COMMUNITY SUPPORT & ALIGNING DOE ORGANIZATIONAL FUNCTIONS:

- **ESTABLISHED A STRATEGIC PROJECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (SPOC).** SPOC meets weekly to discuss systemic challenges.
- **GENERATED A BALANCED SCORE CARD (BSC) FOR STATE OFFICE.** BSC will be used to monitor system performance of key education reform activities for increased accountability.
- **PARTNERED WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.** The DOE has partnered with the Hawaii P-20 Council, Kamehameha Schools, Harold K.L. Castle Foundation, and Hawaii Community Foundation to transform Hawaii's public schools.
- **TRANSFERRED HAWAII RTTT PROJECT MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT.** The Assistant Superintendent of School Reform oversees DOE's RTTT reform projects and efforts, effective July 2011.
- **REORGANIZED DOE STATE OFFICES**