



Hawaii's Race to the Top: March 2011 Update

Transforming Hawaii's Public Schools

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE/UPCOMING MILESTONES

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

- **ADOPTED COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS.** Hawaii has joined 47 other states, the District of Columbia, and two territories in committing to the Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI), a state-led process to develop internationally benchmarked K-12 standards in English language arts and mathematics that will prepare *all* students for college and career.
- **IMPLEMENTED ONLINE HAWAII STATE ASSESSMENTS.** Beginning this school year, Hawaii State Assessments in reading, mathematics, and science are being administered online.
- **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.
- **COLLEGE- AND CAREER-READY DIPLOMA**

DATA SYSTEMS - IMPROVING LONGITUDINAL DATA COLLECTION AND USE:

- **CONVENED FIRST HAWAII PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH CONSORTIUM (HPERC) MEETING.** This formalized partnership will increase the DOE's access to educational research that will improve instruction and increase student success.
- **PRESENTED SCHOOL DASHBOARD TO ADMINISTRATORS.** The dashboard will help inform critical decision-making processes through the use of dashboards that include a diverse set of indicators such as at-risk and early warning, on-track for graduation, and student performance.
- **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.
- **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.
- **LABOR CONTRACTS WITH HSTA AND HGEA FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2011-12 AND 2012-13**
- **"GOLD STANDARD" INDUCTION AND MENTORING PROGRAMS FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS**

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.
- **INCENTIVIZED COMPENSATION AND PLACEMENT PROCEDURES FOR ZSIs**
- **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 vet and approve project plans and to discuss any major 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 and achieve sustainable change.
- **REORGANIZED DOE STATE OFFICES**

MAJOR ISSUES OR CHALLENGES

- **IMPLEMENTING AN EDUCATION REFORM AGENDA WITH FEWER RESOURCES. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS FACING POTENTIAL BUDGET CUTS IN FISCAL YEARS 2011-12 AND 2012-13.**