



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LEEWARD DISTRICT OFFICE
601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 418
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

March 4, 2010

Dear Parents, Guardians, Members of the Community, and Friends,

Thank you for providing feedback on both the North/South and East/West geographical attendance boundary options for Ilima Intermediate School and the new Ewa Makai Middle School. In general, the North/South option uses the Hawaii Prince Golf Course and Keoneula Boulevard as the boundary. The East/West option uses Fort Weaver Road and Papipi Road and Drive as the boundary.

Your comments at our community meeting at Campbell High on February 9, 2010, your input received through our ewa@comments email database, and feedback forms that you submitted to your child's school helped our Advisory Committee with their review.

On February 26, 2010, the Advisory Committee recommended the East/West option as the geographical attendance boundary. They recommended the East/West option because they felt it would best accommodate current and returning students (GEs and private school students returning to attend school in the community), as well as a growing population due to new home development in the community, and is a natural boundary. Safety and distance were also taken into consideration. With the East/West option, there is a slight difference in the distance (less than one mile) to get to either school from the Keaunui Drive and Fort Weaver intersection. However, the slight difference in distance does not outweigh the potential hazard the North/South option presents. The North/South option would pose a significant safety concern since it would require students to cross Fort Weaver Road and its eight lane intersections (including left and right turn lanes) to get to either school.

Based on the foregoing, I agree with the Advisory Committee's recommendation to designate the East/West option as the geographical attendance boundary for both Ilima Intermediate School and the new Ewa Makai Middle School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vernon Young".

Vernon Young
Complex Area Superintendent
Campbell-Kapolei