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Welcome Back!

A message from our State Advisor

Tiffany Frias

State Advisor



Aloha,

Since 1972, public school students from across the state of Hawaii have volunteered their time and energy in support of democracy through civic engagement and participation. What began as a committee of seven has grown to forty-three members inclusive of the student representative to the Board of Education who continues the important work of representing the interests and priorities of students. The past year has truly demonstrated the resilience, creativity and determination of the Hawaii State Student Council members. A premier student-led and coordinated organization for our schools. They reinforce our mission and values while engaging with the Department of Education, Board of Education, state and city government offices and public and private partnerships.

I am honored to be a part of such a dynamic group of young individuals. Our members host annual conferences, workshops and events that provide leadership training, development and legislative learning. They design opportunities that cater to the needs of participants and immerse them in environments that inspire student voice and empowerment. As we look forward to the new school year, we challenge ourselves to take action, uphold the ideals of servant leadership, improve the quality of the student experience, and advocate for the welfare of youth. In our ever changing times, our members adapt and emerge better, stronger and wiser than when we started. This year more than ever we will continue to connect with students via our website, social media and newsletters in new and innovative ways that will promote our school councils, associations, senates and clubs. I look forward to your participation and thank you for supporting your Hawaii State Student Council.

Representation On the Board

Kyla Musso



Board of Education Student Member

Aloha everyone!

Being chosen as your 2021-2022 Board of Education Student Representative has been the greatest honor and empowers me to highlight the value of our education within the youth community. I am a current senior who is proud to represent Radford High School as well as the 180,000 public school students in Hawai'i. As we enter into the brand new school year, I urge you to take advantage of the opportunities ahead and cherish the time spent with your educators and peers.

School encompasses the majority of our time as students. I look forward to working with the Hawaii State Student Council and Board of Education to ensure we're helping students gain the most out of their school experience, both intellectually and socially. I am most excited for Hawaii's thrilling school spirit and pride to make an appearance with the return of memorable events like homecoming and team athletics. Your resiliency as students truly inspires me everyday, and I will continue to do my best to represent you all successfully in everything I do!



The Hawaii State Student Council, or better known as HSSC, consists of 42 members; they represent forty-one Hawaii public high schools and one Board of Education (BOE) student member. Each public high school is represented by one student to ensure that all the student voices of Hawaii are heard.

The Council has developed and adopted its constitution and bylaws in accordance with the Hawaii State Board of Education Policy and the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Every year, a student from every high school in Hawaii is either elected in a school wide election or is appointed by each school. These students now hold the responsibility of a Hawaii State Student Council member. All members can run for an officer position or committee head within the Hawaii State Student Council

Fostering Leadership and Tenacity

Secondary Student Conference



The Secondary Student Conference is an opportunity for students to participate in the civic process. High school delegates from across the State of Hawai'i are invited to gather and share their perspective on improving the Hawai'i public education system through bills drafted by State legislators.



Student Leadership Conference

The Student Leadership Conference fosters leadership potential in all participants. Students from across the State are invited to participate in this event to learn and discover leadership skills that attribute to an effective leader. Various resources and activities are available to make the experience more meaningful.



HIDOE Superintendent

Mahalo, Dr. Kishimoto



Dr. Christina Kishimoto's leadership is truly commendable. Her commitment to strengthening student voice allow our schools to become more representative of its diverse community of students. Mahalo nui loa Dr. Kishimoto for believing in the power and promise of public education.



Below is a picture of BOE Student Member Hunter Harris (right) and Superintendent Dr. Kishimoto (left) when Hunter expressed his well wishes to Dr. Kishimoto on behalf of the Hawai'i State Student Council.

Welcome Mr. Hayashi

Mr. Keith Hayashi will be the interim superintendent. Despite the uncertain times, Mr. Hayashi took the responsibility of leading Hawaii's education system. The Hawaii Student Council and all students across the state look forward to his leadership. Mahalo!



MEETING AGENDA



Hawai'i State Student Council

General State Student Council Meeting #1

August 7th, 2021

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

10:00 AM

Welcome | Jessica Chang

10:00 AM - 10:10 AM

Energizer/Ice Breaker | Eiren Tamayo

10:10 AM - 10:25 AM

Overview of HSSC - General Info

10:25 AM - 10:35 AM

Overview of Leadership, Election & Nominations | Mrs. Frias

10:35 AM - 11:00 AM

Break (Candidates Prepare Speeches)

11:00 AM - 11:40 PM

Candidate Presentations, Voting, & Oath of Office

11:40 PM - 12:00 PM

BOE Student Rep Report | Kyla Musso

12:00 PM

Official Call to Order | 2021-22 HSSC Chairperson

12:00 PM - 12:10 PM

Overview of Districts

12:10 - 12:30 PM

Overview of Committees & Committee Leadership Selection

12:30 - 12:40 PM

Communications | Zach Espino

12:40 - 12:45 PM

'Opio Newsletter | 2020-21 Historian Enjl Himoya

12:45 - 1:00 PM

Opportunities, Updates, & Reminders | Tiffany Frias

1:00 PM

Adjourned | 2021-22 HSSC Chairperson