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☆ Board races begin for five Oahu positions

Twenty-three candidates, including five incumbents, filed by the July 25 deadline to run for six positions on the Board of Education, and one is already elected.

Congratulations to BOE member **Mary Cochran**, who was automatically re-elected to a second four-year term because she was unopposed for the Maui residency position. Therefore, in the 2006 primary and general elections, there will be no Board races on Neighbor Island ballots.

On Oahu, all voters on the island will decide the outcome of three races with five positions to fill:

- **Central residency:** With only two candidates, incumbent **Shirley Robinson** and her opponent advance to the general election, November 7, when one will be elected.

- **Windward residency:** Three candidates, including incumbent **Paul Vierling**, will be narrowed to two in the primary election on September 23; one will be elected in the general election.

- **Oahu At-Large:** The field of 17 candidates, including incumbents **Darwin Ching** and **Karen Knudsen**, will be narrowed to six in the primary, and three will be elected in the general. Voters may cast up to three votes in the At-Large race.

Congratulations also go to **Darren Ibara**, the Board's student member who was re-elected to a second one-year term last spring.

BOE members to be elected by ALL Oahu voters:

- At-Large (17 candidates; 6 to be selected in primary; 3 to be elected in general)
Darwin Ching and **Karen Knudsen** (incumbents), **Michael Bass**, **Carolyn Golojuch**, **Henry Hoeft, Jr.**, **Donna Ikeda** (former BOE member), **Kim Coco Iwamoto**, **Brian Kessler**, **Malcolm Kirkpatrick**, **Philmund Lee**, **Marcia Linville**, **Bob McDermott**, **Liam Skilling**, **Nancy Stone**, **Terrance Tom**, **Ruth Tschumy**, and **Brian Yamane**.
- Windward (3 candidates; 2 to be selected in primary; 1 to be elected in general)
Paul Vierling (incumbent), **Kris DeRego**, and **John Penebacker** (former BOE member).
- Central (2 candidates; no primary will be held; 1 to be elected in general)
Shirley Robinson (incumbent), and **Eileen Clarke**.

Neighbor Islands race is already decided:

- Maui (unopposed races are automatically elected; no primary or general election)
Mary Cochran (incumbent).

☆ 96% of '06 seniors earned diplomas or certificates

A total of 10,654 students graduated last spring from Hawaii's high schools with a diploma or certificate of completion. The completers represent 95.7% of the 11,134 seniors enrolled at the end of the 2005-06 school year.

About one-third of the regular graduates earned the more challenging Board of Education Recognition Diploma, which required additional credits and a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

High schools with 100% completion rates: **Anuenue**, **Baldwin**, **Ka'u**, **Kekaulike**, **Lanai**, **Laupahoehoe**, **Niihau**. **Moanalua High** students had the most BOE diplomas, with 204 of 427 seniors, or 47.8%, earning the honor.

□ **On the web:** School-by-school completion rates are attached to this Update at <http://doe.k12.hi.us> under "News," Aug. 3

HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETER RATES: 2001-02 TO 2005-06

	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
BOE DIPLOMA	3,280	29.7%	3,158	29.8%	3,300	30.1%	3,517	31.3%	3,384	30.4%
REGULAR DIPLOMA	<u>7,172</u>	<u>64.9%</u>	<u>6,855</u>	<u>64.7%</u>	<u>7,024</u>	<u>64.0%</u>	<u>6,980</u>	<u>62.1%</u>	<u>7,076</u>	<u>63.6%</u>
<i>Total Diplomas</i>	10,452	94.5%	10,013	94.5%	10,324	94.1%	10,497	93.4%	10,460	93.9%
CERTIFICATES	<u>217</u>	<u>2.0%</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>1.7%</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>1.6%</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>1.8%</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>1.7%</u>
<i>Total Completers</i>	10,669	96.5%	10,190	96.2%	10,501	95.7%	10,698	95.2%	10,654	95.7%
NON-COMPLETERS	<u>390</u>	<u>3.5%</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>3.8%</u>	<u>474</u>	<u>4.3%</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>4.9%</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>4.3%</u>
Totals	11,059	100%	10,596	100%	10,975	100%	11,246	100%	11,134	100%

★ School year begins with low vacancies

At the start of the 2006-07 school year, the DOE had only 69 classroom vacancies statewide. As recently as May, the DOE was faced with 1,378 classroom vacancies. The number of vacancies is being further reduced daily.

Gerald Okamoto, assistant superintendent, Office of Human Resources, credits the Recruitment Section, the personnel regional officers, their respective staff, and other OHR staff members for their remarkable effort. "It's part of their personal commitment to provide support at the school level," he said.

★ Hawaii's SATs strong in elementary math

The Stanford Achievement Test (9th edition, abbreviated) is a part of the annual Hawaii State Assessment. As a national norm-referenced test, SAT scores provide an indication of how well Hawaii's students are doing in reading and math compared with their cohorts across the nation.

The SAT is designed to fit a normal distribution pattern with 23% of all scores being "low," 54% being "average," and 23% being "high."

Referring to the table below, Hawaii's 2006 SAT results show:

- The best scores were in 3rd grade math, where only 13.1% of the scores were "low" (instead of the expected 23%), and 39.4% of the scores were "high" (instead of the expected 23%).
- Math scores in grades 4, 5, 6, and 7 also exceeded the national average.
- In reading, only grades 3 and 6 (and almost grade 5) exceeded the national average with at least 77% scoring average or above.
- Grade 10 scores in reading and math were considerably lower than the national average.

State summary results for the 2006 Hawaii State Assessment were released on July 20; school-by-school results will be available soon.

☐ **On the web:** See *Hawaii State Assessment results* at <http://arch.k12.hi.us>

2006 Stanford Achievement Test (9th Edition, abbreviated)

Hawaii Public Schools – Stanine Distribution

Grade 3	Math	13.1%	47.5%	39.4%
	Reading	18.2%	58.9%	22.9%
Grade 4	Math	15.1%	50.1%	34.8%
	Reading	25.1%	59.4%	15.5%
Grade 5	Math	17.6%	44.7%	37.6%
	Reading	23.4%	57.4%	19.2%
Grade 6	Math	16.0%	45.2%	38.8%
	Reading	19.7%	60.5%	19.9%
Grade 7	Math	22.6%	53.9%	23.5%
	Reading	27.7%	51.6%	20.7%
Grade 8	Math	25.0%	52.0%	22.0%
	Reading	26.8%	54.0%	19.2%
Grade 10	Math	33.2%	49.2%	17.6%
	Reading	36.6%	58.7%	4.7
National Norm		23% Low	54% Average	23% High

Calendar

BOE Meetings

Aug. 17 Queen Liliuokalani Bldg.
4:30 p.m. BOE Meeting Rm., 4th Fl.
(special time; see below)

Sept. 7 Central
3:30 p.m. Aiea High

BOE Committee Meetings

Aug. 8 Regular Education
3 p.m.

Aug. 14 Special Programs
3 p.m.

Aug. 15 Budget and Fiscal
3 p.m. Accountability

Employee and Team of the Year Recognition Program

Aug. 17 State Capitol Auditorium
3:30 p.m. (preceding BOE meeting)

Holidays

Aug. 18 Statehood Day

Sept. 4 Labor Day

ViewPoints

Watch DOE's one-hour panel discussion about education issues on Thursdays and Fridays at 5:00 p.m., cable channel 56.

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