



**UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL**

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September 6, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school year is off to a great start – many thanks to our students, faculty/staff and parents! We look forward to enjoying the rest of this year with everyone's support and effort.

Enclosed in this school memo are several items:

**Strive HI, Hawaii State Assessment (HSA), Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) and Required Notifications**

On September 19, the Hawaii State Department of Education will release the 2016-2017 results of the Strive HI Performance System, Hawaii's public school accountability and improvement system. Measures associated with the Strive HI system include data on student proficiency in English language arts/literacy, math, and science as measured by the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) and the Hawaii State Assessment (HSA); student growth in English language arts/literacy and math; chronic absenteeism; 11<sup>th</sup> grade ACT results; high school graduation rates; college enrollments; and achievement gaps. School results are based on measures from the previous school year; in this case, the 2016-17 school year. For more information on the Strive HI system, please visit [www.hawaiipublicschools.org/VisionForSuccess/AdvancingEducation/StriveHIPerformanceSystem](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/VisionForSuccess/AdvancingEducation/StriveHIPerformanceSystem)

For those returning to ULS who were enrolled in grades 3-8 or 11 last school year, your child will be given a copy of their 2016-17 Smarter Balanced Assessments (gr. 3-8, 11) and Hawai'i State Assessment Science (gr. 4 and 8) Score Reports on **Friday in homeroom**. These score reports are for your records. If you would like more information about the HSA test results, you can visit: <http://alohahsap.org/HSA/resources/> and Smarter Balanced Assessments <http://alohahsap.org/SMARTERBALANCED/resources/>. If your child was enrolled at another school when the HSA was administered and you have questions specific to that school, we encourage you to contact your child's previous school to have your questions or concerns answered.

We are also required to inform you that we are a non-Title I school, which means that we do not receive additional and supplemental funding that is provided for schools with large number of students in high economic need (as indicated by free and reduced priced lunch provisions).

Related to other Federal and State reporting guidelines, all parents/guardians of public school students have the right to know the qualifications of the classroom teachers and educational assistants

who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers and educational assistants, and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner upon request.

You have the right to ask for the following information about your child's classroom teacher(s):

1. Whether the teacher has met the licensing criteria established by the Hawaii Department of Education and has subsequently been designated "Highly Qualified" for the grade levels and subject areas in which he/she teaches. The "Highly Qualified" label applies to what the Hawaii Department of Education labels "core" academic subjects: English/language arts, Mathematics, Science, Foreign Languages, Art, and Social Studies.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees; and
4. Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please feel free to request it from Principal Keoni Jeremiah through the school office at 956-7833.

We are also required to notify you of your privacy rights with regard to the student information that is managed by the Hawaii State Department of Education for all public school students. This applies to 1) student record information, 2) directory information, 3) surveys and other information collection, and 4) military recruitment information. For more information on your privacy rights, the laws that protect them, and how to exercise your rights, contact Principal Keoni Jeremiah or visit <http://bit.ly/FERPAHI>.

At ULS, we provide information on your privacy and our compliance with federal regulations such as Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), and Human Subjects Research through our ULS Student-Parent Handbook, Agreement to Participate and Release Form (which covers students work, images, and likenesses).

*In addition to the above items, here are important dates and information.*

### **Federal Surveys**

The federal surveys were given to your child in homeroom on Wednesday, September 6 to be completed this evening. These federal surveys cards are very important to the determination of federal money our school may be eligible to receive. We normally have 100% returns. When you receive the Federal Surveys please complete the survey and have your child return it to their homeroom teacher or school office on Thursday, September 7.

### **Make-Up Picture/ID Picture Taking**

Our student picture make-up day has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, September 26, 2017** during the lunch periods. Students who were absent on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 will be able to take their school ID picture, and if you wish, purchase a school portrait package. The school ID photo and photo for yearbook is free of charge; if you are purchasing a photo package, remember to bring your payment envelope for your portrait package order.

### **School In-Service- Monday, September 18, 2017**

There is no school for students on September 18, 2017.

### **Fall Break - Monday - Tuesday, October 9-10, 2017**

There is no school for students and teachers on October 9-10.

### **Elementary (K-5) Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 11-13, 2017 and March 27-29, 2018**

**Noon dismissal for K-5 students during Parent-Teacher Conferences days.** Parent-Teacher Conferences occur during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of the school year, October 11-13, 2017 and March 27-29, 2018. Kindergarten through grade 5 teachers will schedule parent conferences to discuss student progress. Parents shall sign up for a conference time with their child's teacher.

### **Grade 10 and 11 Students - PSAT**

The PSAT will be administered to all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students on **Wednesday, October 11**. More information regarding the Preliminary SAT will be sent home soon through homeroom from our College and Career Counselor.

### **Recycle & Kokua Our Environment...and our School!**

In support of environmental activism and stewardship, the University Laboratory School is involved in monthly recycling and campus beautification efforts on the first Saturday of every month, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We encourage you to drop off your Hi-5 recycling at the school to support the various school groups.

### **Support Organizations**

We are truly grateful for the many supporters of ULS. The ULS Foundation, Alumni Association, and the ULS Booster Club, and countless others have kindly and generously supported the many needs of our school programs and students. These special supporters are continuing to plan and work on ways to help support the school by planning various fundraising activities. Please consider supporting the upcoming events and fundraisers including the Booster Club's School Kine Cookie Sale in Oct. - Nov. 2017 and the annual [Pa'ina and Cultural Festival](#) sponsored by the ULS Foundation on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

### **ULS Foundation**

The [ULS Foundation](#) will send out their annual appeal letter later this month. We thank you for your continued support of our students and school!

## **ULS Booster Club General Meeting & Campus Beautification Project- Sept. 23 at 9am-12pm**

### **MPB:**

The ULS Booster Club helps raise funds for the school, supports school activities and promotes fellowship among all families. Come and find out what we are working on this year and how you can be a part of it.

We will be trying something new for our General meeting this year. We will begin with our half hour meeting followed by a two hour campus beautification project for those interested in helping. Then we will have lunch for our volunteers. We hope you can find the time to attend this important meeting and help with this service project! We will have a limited amount of parking passes available that day.

If you can participate please RSVP by filling out the [google form](#) or send an email to [ulsboosterclub1776@gmail.com](mailto:ulsboosterclub1776@gmail.com). Let us know when you expect to arrive and depart and how many will be in your group. Please respond by Friday 9/22. This will help us plan the work list and lunch for the day.

### **Support ULS Athletics - Shop and Score at Times Super Market!**

The Athletic Department will once again be fundraising for athletic equipment by participating in the Annual Kraft Shop & Score Program with Times Super Market, September 6 - October 17 ([Flyer](#)). Shop at Times, buy participating products and score points for University Laboratory School Athletics. Make sure to say #353 or University Laboratory School to the cashier when shopping at Times Super Market.


### **Give Aloha- Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program**

From September 1-30, customers are invited to make donations of up to a cumulative total of \$249 (per person, per organization) at checkout to their favorite Hawai'i non-profit organization registered in the Give Aloha program. Donations are accepted at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms checkout. [Click here](#) for the information flyer. **ULS registration code is 77698.**

### **ULS Admissions Information**

For your information and to share with others that may be interested, the ULS admissions applications and information for prospective applicants for school year 2018-19 will be available on October 16, 2017 on our [school website, admissions page](#). There is also an admissions information meeting on October 21, 2017 at 9am in the MPB.

Sincerely,



A. Keoni Jeremiah, Principal