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HAWAI'I P-20 PARTNERSHIPS SELECTS P-3 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT SITES

HONOLULU – Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education selected the Wai'anae Coast and Farrington Complex as P-3 demonstration project sites.

Over the next five years (August 2009-June 2014), Hawai'i P-20, with the support of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, will invest up to \$1 million of resources to support the two demonstration projects in developing a P-3 model that creates a continuum of seamless early learning experiences for young children from early childhood programs through elementary school.

“Children’s early years provide critical opportunities to learn and to establish a strong foundation for learning,” says Hugh Dunn, director of early learning programs for Hawai'i P-20. “Our vision is that these demonstration sites will provide our youngest learners with experiences that will develop their social-emotional and cognitive development toward the goal of every child reading at grade level by third grade.”

As P-3 demonstration project sites, the Wai'anae Coast and Farrington Complex will align quality educational experiences for young children from early childhood through the third grade, improve quality teaching particularly in literacy and increase families’ access to comprehensive services that promote children’s well-being.

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Recognizing the importance of early education, Hawai'i P-20 offered the opportunity for communities statewide to participate in the P-3 demonstration project. At the selected sites, early childhood programs and elementary schools demonstrated a strong partnership and commitment to P-3 demonstration project outcomes.

The Wai'anae P-3 demonstration project sites consists of The Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture (INPEACE), Kamehameha Schools, Keiki O Ka 'Āina early childhood programs and seven elementary schools in the community:

- Mākaha Elementary School
- Kamaile Academy, PCS
- Wai'anae Elementary School
- Leihōku Elementary School
- Mā'ili Elementary School
- Nānāikapono Elementary School
- Nānākuli Elementary School

The Farrington Complex P-3 demonstration sites consists of Kindergarten Children Aid Association (KCAA) Preschools of Hawai'i, Parents and Children Together (PACT) early childhood programs and nine elementary schools in the community:

- Fern Elementary School
- Kaewai Elementary School
- Kalihi Elementary School
- Kalihi Kai Elementary School
- Kalihi Uka Elementary School
- Kalihi-waena Elementary School
- Kapalama Elementary School
- Linapuni Elementary School
- Puuhale Elementary School

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ABOUT HAWAI'I P-20 PARTNERSHIPS FOR EDUCATION

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