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TO: Complex Area Superintendents and Principals of Schools with Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) Public Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms

FROM: Lauren Moriguchi 
Director

SUBJECT: **EOEL Pre-K Students Not Included in the Weighted Student Formula**

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify details about the funding that is provided to schools participating in the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) Public Pre-Kindergarten Program and to address the reason why participating students are not included in the Weighted Student Formula (WSF).

EOEL receives funds from the Legislature that are designated for the specific purpose of implementing the EOEL Pre-Kindergarten Program. This includes funding for positions, furniture, equipment, supplies, and costs associated with professional development and ongoing support for the schools, such as the Early Learning Academy and Early Learning Induction Program.

Funds are allocated to schools on an annual basis to cover administrative costs and to support each EOEL Public Pre-Kindergarten classroom. Schools are allocated \$5,000 for each classroom at the beginning of the school year. If additional funding is available, schools will be afforded the opportunity to submit a proposal for additional funding for the purposes of increasing quality, promoting alignment between pre-k through 3rd grade programs, family engagement, and kindergarten transition.

The Hawaii Department of Education (DOE) has issued the following statement:

"In School Year 2014-15, based on the change in law for the kindergarten entry age, the Legislature per Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, reduced WSF by \$1.9 million (the value of about 5,500 students) due to the reduction in enrollment. With that reduction of WSF pot size, and because there were separate funds established that same year to support pre-k initiatives through EOEL, WSF no longer supports general education pre-k students. However, the DOE continues to count pre-k special education in WSF funding allocations."

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