



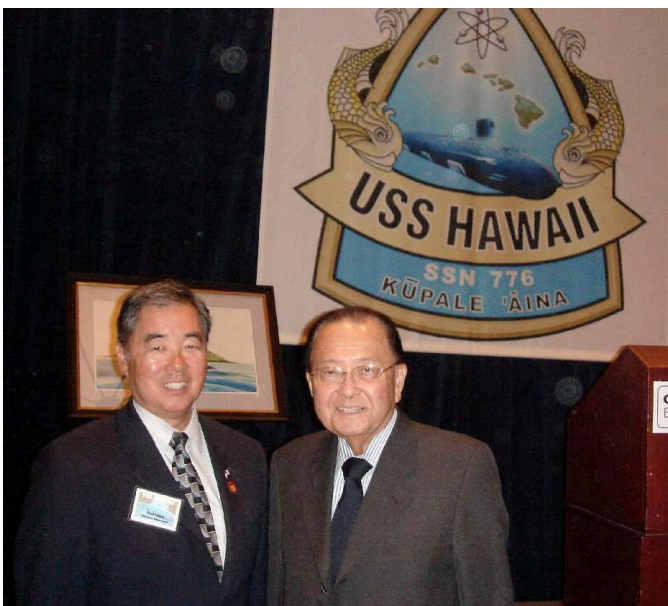
## SENATOR NORMAN SAKAMOTO

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July 2006

# Education Update

- In response to national and local concerns about child nutrition and health, the Hawaii State Board of Education (BOE) has approved a **policy to allow only healthy beverages to be sold in public school vending machines**. Candy and other snack foods are not permitted. The new healthy beverages only policy is expected to be implemented by July 1, 2007, when new vending machine contracts go into effect.
- The Legislature approved the **Department of Education's request to establish a chief financial officer (CFO) position** during this past legislative session. Governor signed it into law on May 30 and is effective July 1, 2006. The purpose of this act is to improve the administration and strengthen operations of the DOE. The new assistant superintendent position will perform the functions of a CFO, including the preparation, management, and execution of the DOE's financial statements, budgets, accounting and vendor payments.
- **Teach for America (TFA) launched its partnership with the DOE** in early June by bringing 56 teacher applicants to Honolulu for induction and placement reviews. TFA is a national corps of top college graduates who commit two years to teach in under-resourced public schools. TFA will supply up to 55 teachers a year for the next four years to place at high-need public schools.



## Military News

Senator Sakamoto traveled with the Hawaii delegation to Groton, Connecticut for the **Christening of the USS Hawaii** submarine. The 377-foot-long USS Hawaii is expected to be commissioned in April or May 2007 and will carry a crew of 132 officers and men. The Navy has not officially announced the sub's homeport, but it is expected to be based in Pearl Harbor.

*Left: Senator Sakamoto and US Senator Daniel Inouye at the christening ceremonies.*

**Schedule of Community Meetings  
June & July 2006  
Neighborhood Board Meetings**

**Aiea NB No. 20**

Monday, July 10, 7:30PM  
Monday, August 14, 7:30 PM  
Aiea Library Conference Room

**Aliamanu/ Salt Lake/ Foster Village NB No. 18**

Thursday, July 13, 7:00PM  
August - Recess  
Aliamanu Middle School Cafeteria

**Kalihi-Palama NB No.15**

Wednesday, July 19, 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, August 16, 7:00 PM  
Kapalama Elem. School Cafeteria

**Community Associations**

**Moanalua Gardens Community Association**

Tuesday, July 10, 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, August 1, 7:00 PM  
Moanalua Middle, Room B1

**Ala Hapuu Community Policing Group**

Monday, July 24 7:00 PM  
Salt Lake District Park Multi-Purpose Room

**Kalihi-Palama Community Council**

Recess- July & August  
Next Meeting: Monday, September 11, 7:00 PM  
Susannah Wesley Community Center

**Aiea-Pearl City Town Hall Meeting**

Recess – June, July & August  
Next Meeting- September  
More information to follow in upcoming newsletters

**Kamehameha Highway Task Force-  
Discussion of Transportation/  
Landscaping Issues Along the Aiea-Pearl  
City highway Corridor**

Thursday, July 13 6:30 PM  
Waimalu Elementary School

***Presentation of the city's transit options for the  
Kamehameha Highway corridor.***



Above: Senator Sakamoto and **Leilani Colon-Yoshimoto**, one of the scholarship recipients at the Moanalua Gardens Community Association Installation Dinner. Other student scholar awardees are **Sherilyn T. M. Wee** and **Traci M. Yoshikawa**.

# Hawaii 3R's

Hawaii 3R's is a non-profit organization with a mission to tackle the backlog of repair and maintenance projects in Hawaii's public school facilities by leveraging available funds with volunteer support. Two schools in our community have been awarded grants from Hawaii 3R's.

- ✓ **Aliamanu Elementary** has been awarded \$14,000 to repaint the interior of the cafeteria and to install a screen door.
- ✓ **Aiea High** has been awarded \$37,500 to paint bleachers and renovate the circulation desk in the library.

# Volunteer!

Volunteerism in our schools is of great importance. Each person is a great reservoir of knowledge and experience that can be shared with our students. We know many of you are willing to contribute to our area schools as an individual, organization, or as a company. For more information, contact your local school or contact our office.

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