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Dear Pu'u Kukui, Pōmaika'i, Wailuku, Maui Waena, 'Īao, Baldwin, and Maui High Families

We are writing to you to inform you of the final decision regarding the redistricting of central Maui to address overcrowding at Pu'u Kukui Elementary School. A public meeting was held on March 25, 2025, at the Baldwin High School Auditorium on a proposed redistricting plan for the Baldwin-Kekaulike-Kūlanihāko'i-Maui (BKKM) Complex Area schools to relieve school overcrowding due to the ongoing housing shortage and recent housing developments in the area. At the community meeting, we were able to address questions that were collected online prior to the meeting, alongside questions and concerns from community members present at the meeting.

The approved redistricting plan is as follows:

- 1. **Pu'u Kukui Elementary School:** Students residing above Honoapii'lani Highway will attend Pu'u Kukui Elementary School.
- 2. **Pōmaika'i Elementary School:** Students residing below Honoapii'lani Highway and south of Kuikahi Drive will attend Pōmaika'i Elementary School (Developments: Waikapu Gardens, Waiale 'Elua, and Kaulana Mahina).
- 3. **Wailuku Elementary School:** Students residing below Honoapii'lani Highway and north of Kuikahi Drive will attend Wailuku Elementary School (Developments: Kaimana, Halemalu, Kehalani Gardens, Nanea, Olena, Hale Makana, and Ka Hale A Ke Ola).
- 4. **'Īao Intermediate School:** Students residing in Pu'u Kukui Elementary School and Wailuku Elementary School districts will attend 'Īao Intermediate School.
- 5. **Maui Waena Intermediate School:** Students residing in Pōmaika'i Elementary School district will attend Maui Waena Intermediate School.
- 6. **Baldwin High School:** Students residing in the 'Tao Intermediate School district will attend Baldwin High School.
- 7. **Maui High School:** Students residing in the Maui Waena Intermediate School district will attend Maui High School.

Boundary maps of the redistricting plan and frequently asked questions can be found at: https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/bkmcomplexarea/home

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Exemption Policy for current students: We recognize that some students may already be established at your current schools. Therefore, we will be implementing an exemption policy to allow for currently enrolled students. If your child currently attends Pu'u Kukui, Pōmaika'i, 'Īao Maui Waena, Maui High, or Baldwin and would be affected by the redistricting, you will have the option to allow your child to remain at the current school until they complete 5th, 8th, or 12th grade, or you may choose to enroll them at their newly assigned school. Please note: Students attending their current schools under an exemption to the new attendance boundaries will not be eligible for school bus services.

The redistricting plan was developed and approved by myself and all affected principals. Additionally, due to the safety and overcrowding concerns, this redistricting plan will be effective for School Year 2025-2026. The plan has also been approved by Superintendent Keith Hayashi.

Appeal: There is a period of twenty (20) calendar days for the school community to submit written appeals to the Superintendent. Appeals may be submitted to https://forms.gle/uT9VTYzBGTuceywn9 by May 6, 2025.

We understand that redistricting is a sensitive issue, and we are appreciative of all the input we have received from the community. We look forward to continuing to work with all of our impacted families through this transition.

Mahalo,

Lori Yatsushiro

Complex Area Superintendent

Baldwin-Kekaulike-Kūlanihākoʻi-Maui