



**HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Hawaii Qualified Teacher**  
**SY 2020-2021**

**Parent Notice of Not Hawaii Qualified Teacher**

**Dear Parents and Guardians:**

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) federal law required teachers to be, or become "Hawaii Qualified".

The HDOE expects all schools to notify parents if; their child is being taught for four or more weeks by a teacher who does not yet meet the federal definition of "Highly Qualified".

While we believe that all of the teachers working in our school are qualified for their teaching assignments, some teachers have not yet met all of the requirements for the federal designation:

This letter is to inform you that your child's teacher/teacher's, Abbigale Adolpho; Diamond Ignacio, Nichol Kahale, Nena Evans, Tracy Graham and Georgia Welch, are in the process of meeting the prevailing ESSA requirements and we are providing the support necessary for success. To ensure that every child in every classroom has a Hawaii Qualified teacher, our school, complex area and the state Department of Education are helping teachers meet the requirements of the ESSA federal law by providing several options. Teachers may take a test or sign up for college classes or other professional development. If they have taught for one or more years, they may also demonstrate their expertise through a combination of college coursework, professional development activities and experience.

Your child's teacher/teacher's are dedicated to the success of every child in the class. I thank you for your continued support of your child's education and encourage you to communicate with his or her teacher on a regular basis so that together we can provide your child with the best education possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (808) 774-8500.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Kainoa Pali", written over a horizontal line.

Kainoa Pali, Principal