The DOE presented its Fiscal Year 2014-15 Supplemental Budget Request before the Senate Ways and Means and House Finance committees on Jan. 14. The budget focuses on the DOE’s strategic goals. The request totals $31.7 million in operating funds, which puts the DOE at its current funding levels, and $164 million in Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) funds.

Supt. Kathryn Matayoshi noted recent achievements by students and educators that have brought acclaim to Hawaii, including:

- Hawaii students making the highest gains in the nation in reading and math performance across all tested grades in the National Assessment of Educational Progress.
- An increase of students enrolled in college and fewer students needing remediation.
- National recognition of program efforts to ensure teacher preparation and development are aligned with college-and career-ready standards.

“The core budget is aligned to support ongoing reform efforts,” said Amy Kunz, assistant superintendent & chief financial officer, Office of Fiscal Services. “These are targeted requests based on measurable results.”

SAFETY

Roosevelt HS staff exemplary during incident

Roosevelt High ended classes at 10 a.m. on Jan. 28 as a result of an incident that placed the school under lockdown and received widespread media coverage. Parents were notified of the lockdown through the school’s emergency call system. An hour and a half later, the school released students early to allow the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) to conduct an investigation. Parents and guardians were notified of a student pick-up location. “The situation was handled in a manner that caused the least disruption on campus and it is a testament to our teachers, faculty and students,” said Complex Area Supt. Ruth Silberstein.

All DOE schools conduct regular safety drills in coordination with HPD to ensure students and staff are prepared to respond to emergencies.

On our website

DOE INTRANET IS LAUNCHED!

Staff, check DOE Memos or your inbox for instructions on how to access the new Intranet, our home for internal communications, resources and more. Click “STAFF LOGIN” on the public website, or go to https://intranet.hawaiipublicschools.org.
I was very pleased to announce the launch of the DOE’s Intranet for employees on January 27. A memo and eblast to staff accompanied the launch with instructions on how to access the staff-only website.

The Intranet represents a major stride forward in our pledge to deliver timely communications and resources to staff in alignment with Goal 3C of the Strategic Plan. You’ll find easy navigation to DOE offices, Complex Areas and related programs; an updated list of schools with contact information and enrollment; searchable and sortable forms, manuals, and training materials; a news feed of recent memos; the latest announcements and news; integrated calendars with meeting and training dates; and much more.

Please view the Department Highlights article on the home page for tips on navigating the site and FAQs. Comments or suggestions? Call 586-3230, or email doe_info@hawaiidoe.org.

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