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OFFICE OF THE COMPLEX AREA SUPERINTENDENT  
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March 23, 2017

Ms. Diedra Hilliard  
Management and Program Analyst  
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Office of State Support  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
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Washington, DC 20202-6132

Dear Ms Hilliard:

This letter is to inform you of circumstances that have changed regarding the School Improvement Grants Application, Section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

On March 9, 2017, Principal Marilyn Asahi of Kekaha Elementary School sent an email to Lisa Joy Andres, SIG Program Manager stating, "Kekaha Elementary has decided to decline the School Improvement Grant". Principal Asahi, along with the school, is unable to fulfill the School Improvement Grants Application.

Kekaha Elementary School completed their comprehensive needs assessment with an external provider contracted by the Title I Office and the International Center for Leadership in Education. The school was in the fourth month of establishing an extended learning bell schedule with the school community and then it would be sent to the State of Hawaii negotiations office. Principal Asahi felt SIG, "was unable to do much except to pay for wages and bus transportation", upon looking forward to designing the Three-Year Plan and establishing annual goals. Principal Asahi also felt it "was discouraging to see the two other SIG schools unable to accomplish their goals despite having four times the amount of funding than what Kekaha would receive".

This letter is immediate written notice to the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education to end the binding agreement of the School Improvement Grants Application that was signed on August 1, 2016. This is due to the written notice from Kekaha Elementary School Principal Marilyn Asahi to SIG Program Manager, Lisa Joy Andres on March 6, 2017.

If you have further questions or need assistance, please contact the SIG Program Manager Lisa Joy Andres at (808)305-9896 or via email at [Lisa\\_Joy\\_Andres@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:Lisa_Joy_Andres@notes.k12.hi.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. N. Arakaki".

William N. Arakaki  
Kauai Complex Area Superintendent

cc: Lisa Joy Andres, SIG Program Manager  
Principal Marilyn Asahi, Kekaha Elementary School