November 15, 2019

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
and Members of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker
and Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the School-level Minor Repairs and Maintenance Special Fund report, pursuant to Section 302A-1504.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). In accordance with Section 93-16, HRS, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/VisionForSuccess/SchoolDataAndReports/StateReports/Pages/Legislative-reports.aspx.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto
Superintendent

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Enclosure

c: Legislative Reference Bureau
   Office of Facilities and Operations
Section 302A-1504.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Department of Education to report annually to the Director of Finance and the Legislature the total amount of funds in the School-level Minor Repairs and Maintenance Special Fund that will carry over to the following school year.
Section 302A-1504.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), established the School-level Minor Repair and Maintenance Special Fund into which are deposited all moneys collected pursuant to Section 235-102.5(b), HRS, and any other moneys received by the Department of Education (DOE) in the form of grants and donations for school-level improvements and minor repairs and maintenance.

The primary source of special fund revenue is credits authorized by taxpayers deducted from the taxpayer’s net income tax liability (more commonly known as the “check-off” box on the State N-11 Individual Income Tax Return form authorizing a donation to the public schools).

Note: Per Act 207, SLH 2014, moneys collected pursuant to Section 235-102.5(b), HRS, the $2 state income tax refund payer designation for school-level minor repairs and maintenance, shall be transferred to the Hawaii 3R’s school improvement fund. The Hawaii 3R’s school improvement fund is a separate restricted fund of Hawaii 3R’s, a nonprofit organization (founded in 2001 by the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye to leverage sweat equity provided by volunteer help with cash donations to address the repair and maintenance backlog facing Hawaii’s public schools). Hawaii 3R’s expends moneys from their fund for the improvement of public schools and the benefit of students.

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The sum of $7,729 was carried over from Fiscal Years (FY) 2018-19 to FY 2019-20.