LEGISLATIVE REPORT

SUBJECT: Edible School Gardens

REFERENCE: Senate Resolution No. 7, S.D. 1
House Resolution No. 21, H.D. 1

ACTION REQUESTED: Report on the number of schools that have established edible school gardens and progress toward implementing the gardens into the curriculum.

Schools are currently being surveyed. Attached is a memo that was sent to all schools. Data will be provided upon completion of the report.

DOE REPORT: We appreciate the importance of these types of activities designed to encourage responsibility for developing a sustainable environment and encourage health and ecologically sound food production. The department will make every effort to encourage schools to explore a wide range of learning opportunities for students through careful planning of the school curriculum based upon the Hawaii Content and Performance Standards. School-developed plans based on incorporating science and health standards, are designed to include many of the concepts valued in this activity. As we continue to work with our schools on standards implementation, we will begin to identify a meaningful way to document which schools have established edible gardens and assist them in sharing their experiences with other schools. As information is gathered it will be used to update this report.
November 4, 2005

To: Complex Area Superintendents and All Principals

From: Katherine T. Kawaguchi, Assistant Superintendent

Subject: Reporting on Edible School Gardens (SR 7, SD 1 and HR 21, HD 1)

In response to SR 7, SD 1 and HR 21, HD 1 regarding Edible School Gardens, the Department is required to submit a report on the number of schools that have edible school gardens and the Department's progress towards establishing edible school gardens as part of the school's curriculum. The Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support is requesting your response to the following questions:

1. Does your school have an edible school garden program?
   Yes_________ No_________

2. If Yes, what is the progress towards incorporating the gardens as part of the school's curriculum?

Please send responses to Mr. Stephen Kow, Educational Specialist, via Lotus Notes or fax to (808) 735-8229 by November 10, 2005. Your assistance in providing this information is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kow at (808) 733-9141 ext. 418.

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c: Superintendent
   Assistant Superintendents
   Superintendent's Branch Directors
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