SUBJECT: Educational Assessment and Accountability; Annual Reports

REFERENCE: Section 302A-1004, Hawaii Revised Statues, states as follows:

“(c) The department shall submit to the legislature and to the governor, at least twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session, an educational status report that includes but is not limited to the following:

(1) Results of school-by-school assessments of educational outcomes;
(2) Summaries of each school’s standards implementation design;
(3) Summary descriptions of the demographic makeup of the schools, with indications of the range of these conditions among schools within Hawaii;
(4) Comparisons of conditions affecting Hawaii’s schools with the conditions of schools in other states;
(5) Other such assessments as may be deemed appropriate by the board; and
(6) Any other reports required by this session.”

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Department of Education submit a report to the Legislature and the Governor containing the required accountability information.

DOE REPORT: Two reports, the School Status and Improvement Report (SSIR) and the Superintendent’s Annual Report have been prepared annually since 1990 by the staff of the Department of Education’s Systems Accountability Office. The SSIR is a report on individual schools. A report is prepared for each regular public school in the State and for public charter schools that choose to participate. For the 2007-08 school year, 259 School Status and Improvement Reports have been prepared.

The second report, the Superintendent’s Annual Report, is a statewide summary of performance and progress made in the Hawaii public school system. Both the SSIR and the Superintendent’s Annual Report include multi-year data wherever relevant and possible, and both provide contextual background for educational outcomes in reporting and analyzing educational indicators. The Superintendent’s Annual Report also includes state-by-state data for comparable analyses of Hawaii’s educational system.
The specific educational assessment and accountability information requested by the Legislature, together with reference to the report containing that information, is as follows:

- Results of school-by-school assessments of educational outcomes.
  Attachment A, *School Status and Improvement Report*, pp. 6-7\(^1\)
  (For summaries, see *Superintendent’s 18\(^{th}\) Annual Report*, pp. 4-7, 13-16, 18-29)

- School Improvement progress summaries, in place of the standards implementation design summaries.
  Attachment A, *School Status and Improvement Report*, p. 3

- Summary of demographic makeup of schools
  Attachment A, *School Status and Improvement Report*, p. 2
  (For summaries, see *Superintendent’s 18th Annual Report*, pp. 4-5, 15, 18)

- Comparisons of conditions affecting Hawaii’s schools with those of schools in other states.
  Attachment B, *Superintendent’s 18th Annual Report*, p. 14

Compact disks containing all 259 SSIRs for 2007-08 are enclosed. These reports are also posted online at:
http://arch.k12.hi.us
Samples of three SSIRs are attached.

The 2007-08 *Superintendent’s 19th Annual Report* is in preparation at this time and will be posted online at: http://arch.k12.hi.us and http://doe.k12.hi.us/ after February 9, 2009.
As a sample, the *Superintendent’s 18th Annual Report* is attached to this report.

\(^1\) Because of the volume of the reports and the cost of reproducing complete sets of the SSIRs (over 1,600 pages per set), samples are attached here. The complete set of SSIRs is available on Accountability Resource Center Hawaii website at [http://arch.k12.hi.us](http://arch.k12.hi.us)