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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
**WAIANAЕ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to confirm the commitment of Wai`anae Intermediate School's Menehune Productions to participate in the Hiki No activities. Menehune Productions is looking forward to being a part of Hiki No. Hiki No will give my students the opportunity to collaborate with other schools and communities across the state. It will help build a sense of pride for the students to be able to represent their community. Hiki No will also allow my students to showcase their work which I believe will motivate them to produce quality work.

Students participating in Hiki No will receive instruction aligned to the Hawaii Content and Performance Standards (HCPS) III. Students will learn research skills, write interesting leads, organize their information, provide a sense of closure to their reports, and storyboard their projects. These skills will help them to meet Language Arts – Standard 4: Writing: Conventions and Skills. With this standard, students will learn to use the writing process and conventions of language and research to construct meaning and communicate effectively for a variety of purposes and audiences.

Student reporters and anchors will follow the oral communication standards. Students will be evaluated on pronunciation, grammar, use of nonverbal language to engage audience, volume, pitch, pacing, and eye contact. These skills will help the students to meet Language Arts: Standard 6: Oral Communication: Conventions and Skills. With this standard, students will apply knowledge of verbal and nonverbal language to communicate effectively in various situations for a variety of purposes.

All video projects will follow Career and Technical Education Standard 1: Technological Design. Students will not only apply technology to create a video package, they will also obtain feedback from other students to improve their projects. Students will assess their videos, as well as other student videos, and modify their work based on the suggestions of other students.

Hiki No will directly benefit schools and communities across the state. Waianae Intermediate School is honored to be participating in Hiki No. We look forward to the start of this innovative program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luane Higuchi".

Luane Higuchi  
Menehune Productions  
Wai`anae Intermediate School