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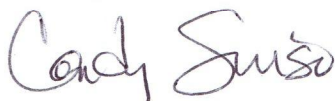
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to affirm the commitment of Wai`anae High School – Searider Productions to supporting the activities of Hiki no: the First Student News Network of Hawaii. Our school community fully supports the implementation of a half-hour newscast designed for a statewide television and worldwide web audience. Searider Productions media program has grown to become a source of pride and inspiration for our youth and the larger Wai`anae Coast community specifically because of it's 1/2 hour video news show “Searider News” which was launched in 1997.

We strongly believe that today's technologies give students a voice to tell their stories to the world, and this can have a powerful, transformative effect on their attitude towards education. Hiki No will offer the opportunity for media students throughout the state to virtually work collaboratively to create a news program - the first of its kind in the nation.

We welcome the launch of a statewide integrated journalism project initiated by students and look forward to encouraging our best and brightest media students to share and showcase their stories. We are honored to be participating.

Sincerely,



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