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Hālau Lōkahi Charter School Parents, Families, Faculty, and Staff

Aloha kākou, Hālau Lōkahi ‘ohana:

This letter is to notify you that the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission voted today to initiate the revocation process for Hālau Lōkahi Charter School and to release only such additional funds to the school as are necessary for transition to closure. This decision was not made lightly. The Commission has taken this action after months of turmoil and attempts to set matters right at the school in response to severe financial and operational problems, serious questions about past practices, and most recently, serious questions about proposed future arrangements.

The Commission is committed to making this transition as smooth as possible, especially for students and families who are seeking to enroll immediately in new schools for the second semester. Students enrolled in the virtual program have been invited and encouraged to enroll at Myron B. Thompson Academy, and many have done so. The Department of Education and other charter schools, including the Hawaiian culture focused schools, have been notified of the situation so that their registrars can be prepared for possible transfers, which the Commission staff is helping to process.

Information and resources on revocation, closure, and [student transfer options](#), including available placements at other Hawaiian culture focus schools, will be provided on the Commission’s website, [www.chartercommission.hawaii.gov](http://www.chartercommission.hawaii.gov). Click on the yellow “Information & Resources” button and then on “[Halau Lokahi](#).” You also are welcome to contact the Commission office at [info@spsc.hawaii.gov](mailto:info@spsc.hawaii.gov) or (808) 586-3775. Staff will be available to assist parents in reviewing transfer options.

We look forward to working with you to ensure bright futures for the children of Hālau Lōkahi.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Payne  
Chairperson

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