

November 22, 1991

TO: Mr. William K. Tam, Jr. Principal; Kalaheo High School Faculty and Staff; PTSA Board; Associated Students of Kalaheo

FROM: The Committee to Determine Use of Blue Ribbon Schools Award Money

RE: Decision for Use of Money- \$4000

Committee Members: Pat Chesser, Sharon Ehrhorn, Beth Fincke, Tiffany Hercules, Karen Kanda, Ellen Libby, Karen Muronaka, Sue Reardon, Martha Robertson- Chairman

At the request of the Principal, Martha Robertson convened a committee of volunteers. The committee met and listed several suggestions for use of the funds. The list was distributed to the entire faculty and staff requesting additional suggestions; eight responses were received. The committee reconvened to discuss all suggestions.

The committee has by consensus decided that the award money is to be used as seed money for a long-term investment in our school by establishing a Kalaheo High School Foundation to raise and receive alumni and other donations for the benefit of the school.

The committee concluded that the above action was the only option which could not be accomplished by any other means. Members agreed that all other suggestions could be taken care of within the DOE and/or by setting expenditure priorities at the school level (though perhaps not as expeditiously as one would prefer). For example, a project to provide more benches on campus is already nearing completion.

Given the fact that Kalaheo's students, faculty, staff, administrators, parents and community supporters- both past and present- helped Kalaheo toward our national recognition, members further agreed that a Foundation would have the broadest possible impact on school improvement and future excellence. Suggestions which would benefit individuals or a limited group, which would require larger sums of money to see through to completion, or which would create on-going expense (repair and maintenance, etc.) were inappropriate use of the award money.

The committee will pursue the necessary legal steps to set up this Foundation. In addition to soliciting help from alumni who have offered assistance, we will contact Margaret (Peggy) Jenkins who is with the firm of Goodsill, Anderson, Quinn & Stifel and who has offered her help. Our intent is to utilize alumni talent so that set-up costs are minimal or nonexistent.

Thank you for your suggestions and continued support.