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March 20, 2003

Ms. Patricia Hamamoto
Superintendent, Department of Education
State of Hawaii
P.O. Box 2360
Honolulu, HI 96804

Dear Ms. Hamamoto:

Thank you for the prompt and thorough support you and your team have provided us in developing schedules for training key DOE benefits personnel, SASA's and principals and for open enrollment sessions at district complexes throughout the state.

We recently sent a letter to Governor Lingle requesting her approval to grant state employees two hours off to attend open enrollment sessions during the month of May 2003. This letter was sent as a result of an announcement at our Board meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, by one of our Trustees, Bob Awana, who is also Governor Lingle's chief of staff, that Governor Lingle verbally expressed her support for granting the time off.

Also on March 18, 2003, we reviewed with the Board of Trustees, the various open enrollment sessions scheduled for DOE personnel during the month of May. Since the Governor will be allowing all state employees to attend open enrollment during regular work hours, the Board asked me to inquire whether already scheduled days for teacher workshops, etc. during the month of May 2003, might be used as opportunities for teachers to attend open enrollment sessions to supplement the already scheduled sessions during after school hours.

I really appreciate all the support and coordination the DOE has already provided to the EUTF. We are well on our way to ensure that all DOE employees are well informed and able to make sound decisions regarding their health benefit plans. If you have any questions, please call me at 587-5431.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Mark Fukuhara".

H. MARK FUKUHARA
Administrator