



**UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL**

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Aloha University Laboratory School Parents/Guardians:

We want to first thank you for your continued support of the Lab School. We truly believe we have such a great school community of students, families, faculty and staff, alumni and ULS supporters.

Since we last communicated with you ([Parent Memo 1.27.23](#)) there have been recent events associated with the University of Hawai'i's development proposal concerning the land that the University Laboratory School (ULS) currently sits on.

Senate Informational Hearing January 31, 2023

Members of the ULS Governing Board, ULS Administration as well as selected faculty and student representatives attended an informational hearing held Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at the State Capitol. The hearing was called to discuss several agenda items involving the University including how the proposed development plan would affect the Lab School. University officials stated that they do not have an actionable plan to develop this area and therefore there is no issue at this time. They also acknowledged that there is an affiliation agreement between the Lab School and the UH College of Education, correcting what President Lassner had stated in the Ways and Means hearing in early January. The Senators requested the University to begin a line of communication with the Lab School and to be transparent in any future developments that could ultimately affect the school. University representatives pledged to open lines of communication with ULS.

Mānoa Neighborhood Board Meeting February 1, 2023

At the Mānoa neighborhood board meeting, the topic of the proposed land development and its effect on the Lab School was discussed. University representatives and consultants who drafted the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) for the University were adamant that while this block of land (between Dole street and Metcalf street) is in the plan to be developed into a mixed residential/commercial area, there are no immediate actionable plans to do so at this time. University representatives once again pledged to open lines of communication with ULS.

Moving forward, the ULS leadership team is in the process of setting up a meeting with University representatives to get clarity on their future plans and to establish an open line of communication. We believe that this meeting will also provide us the opportunity to reiterate to the University our appreciation for being on the Mānoa campus and to hopefully establish a stronger relationship.

At this time and in the foreseeable future, the University Lab School will remain in its current location and continue to do what we do best and what is in the best interest of our students. We want our students and families to know that the ULS leadership will work to ensure that we will always have a school and a place to reside whether that be on the University campus or elsewhere. The [ULS Foundation](#), our support organization, will be reaching out to you in the coming weeks to let you know how you can help the school.

We also want to make known that any official announcements or updates on this matter will be communicated to you through a formal letter/memo like this one. We know that in this day and age, information is free flowing through social media and media platforms and there is a place and purpose for it. However, the information you receive in these letters/memos is our official stance. ULS will continue to provide updates as they are available. We have sent out a school-wide email to the students to hopefully ease their concerns. This issue has caused all of us a lot of stress and worry but we thank you for your support. We ask you to keep engaged and active as a part of our ULS Ohana!

In closing, we want to express our appreciation to all those who have reached out in support of the school and our students. It is a true testament to what a small school community, strong in spirit, can do. We know that we can face anything if we do it together. Go Jr. Bows!

Mahalo Nui Loa,  
ULS Administration