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Society for Hawaiian Archaeology (SHA)
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RE: Request for Approval to Actively Distribute Promotional Materials for the "2026 Hawai'i Archaeology Week Keiki Poster Design Contest".

Formal written approval is necessary prior to Department of Education (Department) personnel actively distributing materials promoting a third party's event.

Background

Rona Michi Ikehara-Quebral, with the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology, has requested that the Department support the active distribution of materials to promote its 6th annual Keiki Poster Design Contest. This year's theme is Preserving and Sharing the History of Hawai'i through Archaeology. All keiki of Hawai'i are eligible to enter and posters are due by August 6, 2026. The winning poster designs will be showcased during the 2026 Hawai'i Archaeology Week, September 7-13.

Recommendation

Given that the organization aims to increase public awareness, protection of Hawaii's cultural resources, and offers Department students opportunity for creativity and expression through art, it is recommended that approval for active and direct distribution of promotional materials may occur.

The document indicating approval will be kept on file. A copy will be provided to the third party requesting the distribution. Should you have any questions, please contact Nanea Ching via email at nanea.ching@k12.hi.us or phone at (808) 784-6200.

Sincerely,


Nanea Ching
Communications Director

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