

**Subject:** Agenda Item IV.7 North Shore Middle School  
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Aloha,

Can you please enter this document as testimony for the 84 people who submitted comments for agenda item IV.7 Thank you.

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"Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained." Marie Curie

| Name               | City         | State | Comment: Why do you support the North Shore Middle School?  |
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| Kathy Bossenmeyer  | Wahiawa      | HI    | My grandchildren live at the North Shore. There is not currently a good option for middle school after they attend Sunset Beach Elementary. I have heard that the Sunset Beach kids are bullied at Kahuku Middle & High School.   |
| Monique Mironesco  | Haleiwa      | HI    | The North Shore community needs an appropriate educational space to send its middle school aged children. The demographics have changed and no longer warrant schools that put together 7th graders and 12th graders. Please approve the appeal for the North Shore Middle School's charter as a wonderful alternative to our current available options. Thank you.   |
| Heather Sandison   | Haleiwa      | HI    | Quality educational opportunities for our children are essential to creating the thriving communities of our future.  |
| Robert Heatherly   | Andover      | NJ    | We will be back on the North Shore and this school is extremely important to us and the community for our children's ability to obtain a quality and safe education. The current learning environment in Kahuku is not conducive for 7th graders when exposed to 12th graders. What the North Shore Middle School is petitioning for is a worthy and noble cause for our children's future  |
| Kelly Tsutsui      | Haleiwa      | HI    | We need this middle school in our community to fill the missing gap!!   |
| Donna Rankin       | Haleiwa      | HI    | As an educator, a parent and president of a non-profit, Hale Anuenue, whose mandate is enrichment on the North Shore, I emphatically support the creation of this charter school.   |
| Deborah Weber      | Haleiwa      | HI    | I have kids in middle school and would like good options for students on the North Shore  |
| matt gambone       | haleiwa      | HI    | Because this is sorely needed on the north shore for the sake of the kids   |
| Moriah Smith       | Haleiwa      | HI    | The Community in and around Sunset Elementary school parents would like to have their Keiki close by at the tender age's of 7th and 8th grade. The kids are not ready yet to be that far from home , Wailua and Kahuku are both a half hour drive and the distress this causes parents and pre-teens along with the fact that neither school is educationally up to par with Sunset Beach elementary is a huge loss for these kids at this formative time in their lives. North Shore Middle school Charter creates a stronger community, happier more secure children and better education. This will give them a chance to be well adjusted in their High School years. |
| Jacqueline Favreau | Haleiwa      | HI    | I am a concerned parent of a child attending SBES and feel it more appropriate for my thriving groing child be in school settings with children of their age group. I feel 12 or 13 is far to young to attend the same campus as a 17 or 18 yr old. Many more reasons influence this as well. Thank you, concerned parent   |
| Kenneth Rubenstein | Haleiwa      | HI    | The dire need for such a school to replace the ridiculous alterantive is blindingly obvious.  |
| Tina Tantog        | Haleiwa      | HI    | Young pretense shouldn't have to mix with teenagers!  |
| malina briggs      | keauhou      | HI    | 7th and 8th graders shouldn't have to travel so far from home and parents to attend school.   |
| Melanie sens       | Berlin       | MD    | My kids grew up there and a middle school was a huge need   |
| Betty Guerre       | Haleiwa      | HI    | As our community expands, so has the educational needs of our children. Providing our children with a safe transition from 6th grade to high school is sorely needed. With as much community support at the North Shore Middle School's Charter has generated, please consider approving the appeal. Mahalo   |
| Ann Franzmann      | Haleiwa      | HI    | The North Shore needs a middle school   |
| Kristen Gibbs      | Toms River T | NJ    | As a past NS resident and HI DOE Teacher, I know we need another middle school option for students attending Sunset Elementary.   |

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| Jim Frisbie         | Waialua     | HI | I was the school counselor at Sunset Beach Elementary School for 14 years. Parents, children, teachers, counselors all understand the inappropriate mixing of such wide ages of children. Only local principals and administrators continue to support the existing organizational school structure. These so called 'leaders' value the current status quo rather than fight for what is good for children. The change for middle schools in the North Shore must come from the citizens. Do not expect leadership from the Department of Education on this issue. In the interim, the North Shore Middle School Charter is a legitimate option for our middle level children. |
| Kerry Germain       | Haleiwa     | HI | As a very active parent while my son attending SBES I witnessed a drastic change both academically and socially for him and other kids coming from the Sunset area, putting them at a disadvantage. For example; The school bus was cut when he was in 8th grade. My son will graduate this year but have often wondered how his HS experience would have been if the proposed Middle/HS that has been talked about for years, would have been there for him. With a growing population in the Sunset Beach area the time is now, and in fact long overdue. Please don't delay! Mahalo  |
| Colleen Carswell    | Waialua     | HI | I went to a non-traditional school as a child where my mom taught, and I worked for a public charter school for 5 years - my first teaching job. I have 2 young daughters and would like them to have an alternative to traditional public school education also.   |
| Bruce Beinert       | Waialua     | HI | Our son is in 2nd grade now and we are wondering if we will need to move due to the lack of a middle school on the North Shore. I hope that this charter school is approved and funded properly very soon, as it is long overdue.   |
| Emily Shaw          | Haleiwa     | HI | I lived on the North Shore and saw the need for this school. People living there should have a choice.  |
| washington teixeira | haleiwa     | HI | education is very important for our community   |
| Michele kahler      | Haleiwa     | HI | Our Children need another option here on the north shore!   |
| Jennifer Heatherly  | Andover     | NJ | We are planning to move back to Hawaii in 2014 or 2015 just as our oldest daughter will be entering 5th or 6th grade. We are looking forward to having this Charter School there for her when she is ready.   |
| Brooke Smith        | Waialua     | HI | As an educator and parent of two young children, I fully support the efforts toward a charter middle school on Oahu's North Shore. Without this option, sadly, I will be shuttling my children into another town for their education. Wouldn't it be wonderful to keep them on the North Shore, in their own local community where they can learn and grow in a progressive environment? Please consider your support for this matter in a timely effort. With Aloha, Brooke Smith  |
| Jessica Fernandez   | Haleiwa     | HI | this is important to me because children are our future and inspiring them to excell should be everyone's priority  |
| Rio de la Vista     | Monte Vista | CO | I have dear friends in this area who are deeply committed to this cause and their childrens' future! This opportunity is as vital to them as education everywhere is! Thank you!  |
| Grace D             | Haleiwa     | HI | Establishing a middle school on the North Shore will provide our students with an alternate school setting where they can experience personal growth & independence among peers of their own age and maturity level. In creating a comfortable environment, it will boost their confidence which in turn will result in a school environment whose focus is on the students' academic needs rather than emotional wants.  |

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| Jennifer Damm           | Waialua     | HI | I have a 5 year old. I desperately would like another option for her when it comes time for junior high. Our current school is sub-par and driving into Honolulu would be a burden on both our child and the family.   |
| Gwen James              | Haleiwa     | HI | We need another middle school.   |
| Rita Ann Loose          | Honolulu    | HI | Because my granddaughter will be ready for 7th grade soon.   |
| Sherrie Webb            | Haleiwa     | HI | I have a 10 year old child in Sunset Elementary and I do not want her to go to the high school when she is 12. I want her to go to a local middle school when the time comes. Let's get this charter started now so North Shore residents have some options!   |
| Amy Wiech, M.Ed., BCB   | Waialua     | HI | Kids need an option of a charter school up here!   |
| Jenny Dyer              | Waialua     | HI | I have supported this opportunity since I was an intern at Kahuku Inter and High in 2006. We must provide our communities the best educational experiences on the North Shore, we have awesome teachers, counselors, administrators AND we need a setting for a middle school that is separate from high school and the environment of high school. I went to Kailua Intermediate and the high school was a ten min drive away. We need to establish a setting of learning and not one that can lead to bullying, self-doubt... Middle school is just that... The bridge from youth to there soon after adulthood. Character, trust, community, identity and safety. |
| otis schaper            | Wahiawa     | HI | We need more good schools.   |
| Steven Power            | Haleiwa     | HI | I live on the North Shore with children.   |
| Rebecca Powell          | Haleiwa     | HI | I taught at the only other middle school option on the North Shore until it was forced to close because of the economic downturn. Our community needs another middle school option to serve the unique population of middle school aged kids.  |
| Linda Kress             | Haleiwa     | HI | For an alternative school on the North Shore.  |
| Katie Landgraf          | Kapolei     | HI | Grow Hawaii in a better direction!!  |
| Andrew Landgraf         | Kapolei     | HI | North shore children are important to Hawaii!  |
| Sharon Muraco           | Haleiwa     | HI | I believe that Sunset kids get lost in the large campus at Kahuku. My son had lots of issues while attending Kahuku. I believe strongly that Sunset is large enough and should have their own middle school.   |
| Lindsey Landgraf        | st. paul    | MN | family lives there!!!  |
| Rebecca Kopy Willis-Cof | Raymond     | ME | I lived in Hawaii for several years- only returning to my birthplace (Maine) to be near my aging parents. I will be returning to Hawaii with my children in the future. I will be putting them in school. I wish for the best for all my Hawaiian keikes as I am still very much kaimaina. Mahalo.   |
| edith abramczyk         | dbn hts     | MI | FAMILY - I want the very best for my grand-nephews.  |
| Kahele Dunn             | Reno        | NV | Education is key to all of the future!   |
| La Vonne Richardson     | Hale`iwa    | HI | My grandchildren live on the North Shore and will soon be approaching the age for middle school. There is a great need for insightful approaches to education on the North Shore, and I believe this charter school is a great source.   |
| Kathleen Stewart        | Wabash      | IN | I am a teacher too!  |
| Christian O'Connor      | Kailua-Kona | HI | My daughter and son can go there with other kids their age not High Schoolers.   |
| Elisha Hanson           | Haleiwa     | HI | This is for our Children !!!   |
| Lori Carden             | Mesa        | AZ | My cousins and their children live in Haleiwa, and I am multiplying their voice. Thank you!  |

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| Penny Wilia        | Waialua       | HI | my keiki went to waialua high and intermediate. i also taught at the school. i hope that by the time my grandkids go, there will be a middle school so that 7th graders do not have to go to school with high school students. it's scary enough as it is to be "the new kid in school" but it is all the more scary when you have to face people that are almost adults (or even adults) at such a tender impressionable age.  |
| Monica Williams    | Haleiwa       | HI | Have children enough said!  |
| Gina Hungerford    | Waialua       | HI | Waialua High School has an extremely high pregnancy rate. Middle school children are at highest risk for bullying, suicide, self-injurious behavior and eating disorders. Allowing time for kids to grow up a little longer before they are joining the rigors of high school seems only fair. Some children need a track that gives them more options to absorb learning in a way that is meaningful to them socially and in an environment that allows for exploration. |
| Terence Loose      | Haleiwa       | HI | I have a very smart and motivated 5th grade girl and I'm not convinced the current public middle schools are the best environment for her.  |
| Tanya Temme        | Wailua        | HI | Hawaii residences need more choices for our childrens education.  |
| Margot Campbell    | haleiwa       | HI | i have a 4th grader and with middle school just around the corner i want to make sure she has a chance at quality education that seems to be limited on the island- especially here on the north shore.   |
| Lisa Marie Johnson | Kahuku        | HI | I am a public school teacher on the North Shore and know the importance of developmentally appropriate practices. It is imperative that 7th and 8th, even 6th in my opinion, to have a separate school so they can grow successfully.   |
| Shawna Bielmann    | Haleiwa       | HI | Because there is no other option for my middle schoolers!   |
| Kanoelani Garcia   | Haleiwa       | HI | Very Much Needed!!  |
| Kelli maletta      | Kahuku        | HI | I constantly hear about bullying in KHS, it is not a middle school. There needs to be a middle school transition for the 7th & 8th graders. Also, children need to use there minds, for real life problem solving, understanding where the environment is going etc. A more hands on setting for this age group is desperately need so these kids don't get lost in the shuffle. Please read, hear and see the need on the North Shore for a Middle School.               |
| Ryan Souza         | Honolulu      | HI | Born and raised in Haleiwa/Waialua and we had no choice but to jump in the fire from Haleiwa Elementary to Waialua High and Intermediate. It was an all or nothing transition with no easing into an established community where the older kids dominated. Giving today's kids that choice will definitely make their transitions less intimidating.  |
| sandra benintende  | Oxnard        | CA | why?because my children were born & raised in hawaii & i have nieces ,nephews ...   |
| Helen-Jean Kaniho  | Hauula        | HI | My children attend SBES and they need aa middle school in the same community in which they received a great primary education.  |
| Norene Cantella    | San Luis Obis | CA | Concerned grandparents  |
| Halley Flygare     | Haleiwa       | HI | My kids will go there! We need this school please!  |
| Ria Remenar        | Mililani      | HI | We need better schools and charter schools are proven to provide the better education, our youth and country so desperately needs.  |
| Shori Patten       | Haleiwa       | HI | I live on the north shore and have children who need an alternative!  |
| Nora Sanford       | Waialua       | HI | I have been forced to homeschool my children from middle school through High school due to the inadequate educational choices up on the north shore for our kids.   |
| Elio Esqueda       | Waialua       | HI | Yes the north shore needs this school no doubt!   |
| Josh Conlan        | Haleiwa       | HI | It amazes me that this school doesn't already exist. Please approve this.   |

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| Shelley Boling  | Waialua     | HI | I would LOVE to have options for my children as they are in elementary school now. We have home schooled, driving far to attend classes that were required by this charter school. Although we loved the flexibility and quality program, to be in our community is very important to us and just to save on drive time/carbon footprint would be wonderful!   |
| Jeff Williams   | New Zealand |    | It fosters true education  |
| Pancho Sullivan | Haleiwa     | HI | There is no good reason not to approve this application. It meets all of the required guidelines and is supported by the community itself. Please put any and all political motives aside and approve a great community driven initiative to provide an alternative learning environment which will further enrich our children's lives and increase their chances for success. Mahalo for your support!   |
| Antya Miller    | Haleiwa     | HI | Especially in Sunset Beach/Pupukea, the 7th and 8th graders go to Kahuku High with a huge student body of 1800+ students and huge football players. It's very intimidating. Regardless of what school officials say, they do not adequately separate the young intermediate children from the high school kids. A charter school would be ideal, but if not that then Sunset Beach Elementary students should go to Waialua High where there is only a student body of around 700. |
| Sofia Beschen   | Haleiwa     | HI | I have two boys and our dream is for them to have a quality education close to their home. At this point we don't really have good options and we believe by you approving a North Shore Middle School Charter will help not only our family but the whole North Shore community.<br><br>Please approve the appeal for the North Shore Middle School's Charter.  |
| Michele Kahler  | Haleiwa     | HI | I am a community volunteer on the north shore, and these families need another choice. I wish you could come into the schools and see what goes on. Seventh graders, should not be sharing a campus with young adults. Please give these children an opportunity to stay children for as long as they can.<br><br>Mahalo   |
| Andrea Capuccio | Pompano Be  | FL | I want better education for my cousins to attend and their talent can flourish not only on the waves but in their minds.   |
| Kate Dillon     | Haleiwa     | HI | Because my grand daughters deserve to be on a campus with children their own ages and deserve a very good and balanced education.  |
| Carrie Henas    | Lihue       | HI | My Granddaughter is Attending Sunset Ele...and next year she will be in the 7th...there is a geniune need for a better school on the NorthShore...   |
| carrie budroe   | Haleiwa     | HI | we need the best education we can get out here in the country for our keikis...And it offers us anther alternative to public schooling. Having a charter is a fantastic. Idea  |
| Frank Hinshaw   | Honolulu    | HI | Our North Shore youth need a viable education alternative.   |
| tracy hart      | michigan    | OH | I live in the North Shore community. The span from 7th to 12th grades is too much for a public school.   |
| Tim McCleery    | Waialua     | HI | The kids are the future and need an alternative way of educating them so they can thrive in the 21st century.  |