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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Meeting February 9, 2023, RE: Kūlanihākoʻi High School
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Aloha Chair Giovanni and Members of the Commission,

I am Aaliyah Bates, a freshman at Kūlanihākoʻi High School in Kihei. I appreciate you taking the time to reconsider the issue of the improvement Condition imposed by your Commission in 2013.

I am really unhappy to still be attending school at Lokelani Intermediate School's campus because we are not allowed to use our campus buildings that are ready. I understand the importance of safety, and I pledge not to cross the highway on foot but to use the transportation provided by the school and my parents. You have lots of adults who don't know me telling you what I am going to do, but I am asking you to listen to me and the other students.

It's very upsetting how the other schools get to have sports and dances while we can't even have a day without being interrupted by middle schoolers outside. We are high schoolers, we shouldn't still have to be at a middle school especially since there is a school built and ready for us. We only get to be in 9th grade once shouldn't we at least get a good experience? I don't understand how we have made it this far without having our voices heard. I have been wanting to be in an art club but it's hard because of all of the limitations here on the Lokelani campus. It was very nice of the middle school to give us space, but it's not fair how we have to wait until 1pm to eat lunch in order to be our own school.

Please consider those most affected by your decision and amend the 2013 Condition to allow us to safely use our campus while the adults keep arguing about the grade-separated pedestrian crossing.

Mahalo,

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