From: Students of Kūlanihākoʻi

To: <u>DBEDT LUC</u>

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 Hezekiah Melendez-Avila, 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 disappointed to still be attending school at Lokelani Intermediate School's campus because we are not allowed to use our campus buildings that are ready. This has a very big impact on my mental health and hope for my future because I want to get a better education. I want to have more learning opportunities on the new campus as well as clubs, dances and sports. 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.

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 deciding about the grade-separated pedestrian crossing.

Mahalo, Hezekiah Melendez-Avilla Freshman Kūlanihākoʻi High School

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Student of Kūlanihākoʻi High School

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