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

I am Reanna Ferguson, a freshman at Kūlanihākoʻi High School in Kihei. I thank you for taking the time to reconsider the issue of the improvement Condition imposed by your Commission in 2013.

There are a handful of things that I could begin explaining to you, possibly more. Finding out we aren't allowed on our campus, I and other students have felt a sting of emotions, whether it be anger or disappointment. To tell the truth, I am angered by not being able to go to our new campus and continuing to stay at Lokelani Intermediate School, however generous it is of them to host us. To share a campus with middle school students, gives many of us the impression that we aren't really high school students. Many of us including myself attending Kūlanihākoʻi High School are graduates of Lokelani and have been on this campus for more than 3 years.

We have a limited space granted to us and we are constantly reminded to stay in our area and to not interfere with others. I feel restricted and even trapped, dare I say, in this small space. If we were able to transfer to our new school, that would hardly be an issue, granted how much room and space we have to move around freely. Freedom is something that we more than deserve. The limited space is proving an issue for me. I would love to participate in school activities such as clubs and school sports, but I am not able to do those things that I would adore to do and experience, all because of this restricted space.

Our bell schedule is also altered to avoid collision with Lokelani students. Our lunch time is late at 1pm. I take the bus, as do many other students, where we have to share buses with the middle school students because our routes were canceled the first day of school. I would appreciate it if I could share a bus with kids my age and not have to put up with the immaturity of middle school kids. I completely 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 arguing about the grade-separated pedestrian crossing.

Thank you for your time,
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