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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 Ricky Mandel, 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. 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. There are a lot 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.

This has a very big impact on my mental health and hope for my future because I want to get a better education. We only have three portables to hold classes in at a time, so we don't have a lot of options to take other classes that might help us get a better education. Also, I want to have more learning opportunities like clubs, dances and sports.

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 working on the grade-separated pedestrian crossing.

Mahalo, Ricky Mandel
Freshman
Kūlanihākoʻi High School

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