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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

DATE: April 12, 2013

TO: Complex Area Superintendents, District Educational Specialists, Principals,
Vice Principals, School Administrative Services Assistants, School Health Aides,
and Charter School Administrative Office Executive Director

FROM: 
Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Temporary Suspension of the Tuberculin Examination Requirement
Effective April 11, 2013**

Due to a nationwide shortage of testing solution required for tuberculin skin testing, the Hawaii State Department of Health has announced the temporary suspension of tuberculosis (TB) clearance requirements. Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 164, requires TB clearance for school personnel, students, food handlers, and workers in health care, domiciliary care, daycare, and residential care facilities.

Effective April 11, 2013, the state will not restrict attendance at work or school due to the absence of a TB clearance.

New Students

- **Admittance.** Students who do not have a TB clearance shall be admitted to school.
- **Recordkeeping.** Schools need to maintain a list of admitted students without a TB clearance. Refer to attached eSIS recordkeeping instructions.
- **Questions.** Contact the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support (OCISS) at 203-5515.

New Hires and Volunteers

- **Employment.** The state will not restrict attendance at work for new hires.
- **Volunteers.** Volunteers who are on the school campus for more than 15 days due may continue to provide community service without a TB clearance.
- **Recordkeeping.** DOE offices and schools need to maintain a list of employees and volunteers without a TB clearance.
- **Questions and Instructions.** Contact the Office of Human Resources (OHR) at 586-3601.

TB Clearance Requirement: End of the Temporary Suspension

Public notice will be issued when the suspension is lifted and a grace period will be announced for individuals whose TB clearance was postponed to meet the requirement. Additional guidance will be provided as information becomes available.

For TB information, contact the Hawaii TB Control Program at (808) 832-5731 or go to www.hawaii.gov/health/tb. For recordkeeping inquiries, (for students) call Lyndia Uchimura, Educational Specialist, Comprehensive Student Support Services Section at (808) 203-5515 or (for employees) Helen Uyehara, Personnel Specialist, Office of Human Resources at (808) 586-3601.

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Attachment

c: Deputy Superintendent
Assistant Superintendents
Superintendent's Office Directors