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## **EXPERIENCE**

### **District Academic Officer, Castle-Kahuku Region** *(June 2018-Present)*

#### Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provided professional development and instructional support for all schools within the Castle-Kahuku region with the goal of improving the overall program of instruction, curriculum, and assessment.
- Served as a liaison between the district superintendent and other district personnel and all principals.
- Coordinated the work of district support staff to insure timely and consistent support for all schools.
- Gave direct support to all schools qualifying for Title I federal funds to include supervision of the Windward District Title I Linker.

### **Educational Specialist, Office of Curriculum Instruction and Student Support, State of Hawaii Department of Education (DOE)** *(May 2017-June 2018)*

#### Duties/Responsibilities:

- Gave professional development and instructional support for all State of Hawaii schools with the goal of improving the overall program of instruction, curriculum, assessment, grading, and reporting.
- Served as a liaison between the State of Hawaii DOE and district personnel and all principals.
- Provided leadership for the development of resources, guidance documents, frameworks, and standards of practice to insure alignment to Board of Education (BOE) policy and regulations.
- Provided leadership for standards-based grading for all Hawaii schools professional development support for a secondary standards-based gradebook pilot.

### **School Renewal Specialist, Central District** *(September 2014-2017)*

#### Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provided professional development and instructional support for ten schools within the Mililani and Waialua regions with the goal of improving the overall program of instruction, curriculum, and assessment.
- Served as a liaison between the district superintendent and other district personnel and all principals.
- Coordinated the work of complex area support staff to insure timely and consistent support for all schools.

### **District Support Team Teacher, Central District** *(September 2013-2014)*

#### Duties/Responsibilities:

- Created and delivered professional development in the Data Team process, Decision Making for Results, Formative Instruction and Assessment, and The Educator Effectiveness System for the district and schools.
- Worked with individual schools and teachers to implement the Data Team Process for Results and the use of assessment in the service of learning.

**Data Coach, OCISS, State of Hawaii DOE** *(September 2012-2013)*

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Created and delivered professional development in the Data Team process, Decision Making for Results, and Formative Instruction and Assessment statewide.
- Worked with individual schools to implement the Data Team Process for Results and to build capacity in the use of assessment in the service of learning.

**Teacher, President William McKinley High School** *(September 1992-2012)*

Subjects/Leadership Roles:

- 9th & 12th grade English, British Literature and Expository Writing
- 12th grade Advanced Placement Literature & Composition (2004-2012)
- Drama, Newswriting, Yearbook, Speech and Debate

**Gifted & Talented Coordinator** *(July 2003-2009)*

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Coordinated and supervised nomination and screening process
- Facilitated screening committee's selection of GT students
- Wrote and implemented the school-wide GT Plan

**Department Chairperson** *(2003--2007)*

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Coordinated the work of all teachers, including substitute teachers within the department
- Acted as a liaison between the administration and the department
- Consulted with other departments, state and district personnel, and upper level institutions to improve the total instructional program.

**Head Coach, McKinley Speech and Debate Team** *(September 1992-2012)*

Notable achievements:

- Four State Team Championships in Interpretive Events 2001, 2003, 2007, 2008
- Individual State Champions in Duo, Dramatic, Humorous Interpretation, Storytelling, Poetry and Prose Reading
- Eighteen national qualifiers, including five students who placed in the top 60 in the nation and one semi-finalist (7th place) at the National Forensic League's National Speech and Debate Tournament
- Diamond Coaching Award from the National Forensic League for excellence in coaching forensics, 2005
- President, Hawaii Speech League (2007, 2009)

- First Vice-President, Hawaii Speech League (2008, 2010 & 2011)
- Second Vice-President, Hawaii Speech League (2005 & 2006)

**Director, McKinley Theatre Group II** (*September 1996-2008*)

Co-Directed (with James Nakamoto) and produced the following:

- *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, 1999
- *Twelfth Night*, 2000
- *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, 2001
- *Chikamatsu's Forest*, 2002
- *Romeo and Juliet*, 2003
- *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown (Revised)*, 2004
- *Two Acts of Courage*, 2005
- *School House Rock Live*, 2007
- *Honk, Jr.*, 2008

**EDUCATION**

- B.Ed. Secondary Ed., University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI (*1992*)
- M.Ed. Educational Leadership in the Asian Pacific Region, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI (*2007*)  
Hawaii Advanced Placement Summer Institute (*2003, 2006, 2009, 2010*)
- Reader, Advanced Placement Exam (*2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017*)
- Table Leader, Advanced Placement Exam (*2018, 2019, 2020, 2021*)

**CERTIFICATIONS**

- Hawaii Standards Board License, Grades 6-12 English, expires *6/30/2021*
- Florida State License, Grades 6-12 English
- Additional Certifications: Certified Trainer: *Classroom Assessment for Student Learning, Decision Making for Results, Data Teams, Danielson Framework for Teaching, College Board's Springboard Program Overview, AP Summer Institute* (*2004, 2005, 2007*)

**MILITARY**

- Served in the U.S. Army 's Presidential Honor Guard at Fort Meyer, VA (*83-86*)

**PUBLICATIONS**

- [CCSS Showcase: Ensuring Consistent Implementation of CCSS and Research-Based Instructional Practices through Professional Development Protocols](#) (*Presented at the CCSSO National Conference on Student Assessment, 2013*)

**REFERENCES**

- **Matthew Ho**, Superintendent, Castle-Kahuku Complex 46-169 Kamehameha Hwy, Kaneohe, HI 96744 Ph: 808-233-5700
- **Abey Qureshi**, School Renewal Specialist, Castle-Kahuku Complex 46-169 Kamehameha Hwy, Kaneohe, HI 96744 Ph: 808-233-5700
- **Ron Okamura**, Principal, President William McKinley High School 1039 S. King St. Honolulu, HI 96814 Ph: 808-594-0400

