



# Ho'okāko'o Corporation

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## **Paul Kepka to Lead Kamaile Academy** *Implements new School Wide Plan*

HONOLULU – The Board of Directors of the Ho'okāko'o Corporation announce the appointment of Paul Kepka as Principal of Kamaile Academy effective July 1, 2019.

Mr. Kepka, a 15-year veteran of the Leeward Coast PK-12 Public Conversion Charter School, brings to the position a rich background in instructional leadership. He has most recently served the school as the Interim Principal for School Year 2018-2019.

“Paul has been a key member of the leadership team at Kamaile over the last several years and has been pivotal in the school's school improvement process,” said Ho`okāko`o Board Chair Joseph Uno. “The school's recent engagement in its WASC self-study process and completion of a comprehensive needs assessment has resulted in *Navigating to Success*, a framework for a school-wide plan that provides a roadmap for the school's continued growth. We know that Paul will be successful in leading the school and its community into the future.”

Kepka replaces Anna Winslow, who informed the board earlier this past year of her intent to return to the mainland at the end of the school year. The board, through Ho`okāko`o Executive Director David Gibson, conducted a six-month search for Winslow's replacement.

Kamaile Academy is also pleased to announce Eric Wyand as School Director of Kamaile Academy. Mr. Wyand was the Vice Principal of Kamaile Academy overseeing the school's secondary program. Mr. Wynand's administrative experiences include Elementary Principal, Middle School Principal, and High School Learning Director in California. As School Director, Mr. Wyand will be responsible for many of the day-to-day operations of the school.

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These two appointments reflect a slight shift in the organizational structure of Kamaile Academy, and a commitment to build the leadership capacity of the school in order to address critical school initiatives and mandates.

### **About Kamaile Academy**

Kamaile Academy is a Ho'okāko'o Corporation public conversion charter school located on the Wai'anae coast of O'ahu. The school serves 935 students and is the largest brick and mortar charter school in Hawai'i. Kamaile Academy converted from a K-6 DOE school to a public charter school in 2007 with a vision on delivering Hawaiian culture-based education embedded throughout its curriculum in grades PK-12. The school embraces the cultures of all its children while emphasizing Hawaiian culture as the piko (the center). Students learn Hawaiian values, customs, traditions, music, legends, and language. Kamaile Academy's Core Values serve as the foundation for the student's academic, social, emotional and physical well-being, as well as cultural understandings.

### **About Ho'okāko'o**

Ho'okāko'o Corporation, a non-profit, charter school management organization and governing school board in Hawaii, operates a network of high quality, Hawaiian-focused charter schools, including Kamaile Academy, Kualapu'u School and Waimea Middle School, serving over 1,500 children in Pre-K through 12th grade from high-need communities on Oahu, Molokai, and Hawai'i Island.

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