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February 3, 2025

Ms. Nohea Nahale-A, Principal
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Email
Agreement No. 2410-4

Re: National School Lunch Program SY 2022-2023 Procurement Review Closure Letter

Dear Ms. Nahale-A:

This letter summarizes the results of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Procurement Review for Ka Umeke Kaeo Public Charter School. The objectives of this review are to determine whether your School Food Authority (SFA) meets federal and state procurement standards and if corrective action is needed.

This Procurement Review was conducted by Shaynee Moreno on March 30-April 6, 2023. It was held in conjunction with your organization's Administrative Review (AR) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP).

Procurement Summary: For SY21-22, a Vended Meal Agreement was made between Ka Umeke Kaeo PCS and Boyd Hawaii LLC on 9/13/21 for a period of 7/1/21-6/30/22 to provide meals for a one (1) year period and with the option of renewing the Vended Meal Agreement for an additional one (1) year period by mutual agreement. In SY22-23, Ka Umeke Kaeo PCS renewed the contract with Boyd Hawaii LLC.

Buy Hawaii Questions: Ka Umeke Kaeo PCS stated that they do not monitor if the meals met the Buy Hawaii Provision because "We do not purchase any food for our SFA we purchase food from a vendor." Although you get vended meals, in the same way the SFA is responsible for ensuring their vendor meets the meal pattern requirements, the SFA is also required to see if the vendor is meeting the Buy Hawaii Provision.

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While HCNP received the majority of the requested documents which included Ka Umeke Kaeo PCS' Procurement Policy, Vendor Contract, General Ledger; we did not receive the USDA procurement tool and documents for the Buy Hawaii Provision. There was insufficient documentation to determine if Ka Umeke Kaeo PCS is meeting the USDA procurement provisions.

HCNP will review Ka Umeke Kaeo Public Charter School's current procurement practices in the next procurement review. When that does occur, please ensure all requested procurement documents are submitted, including working with your vendor to see if the Buy Hawaii provisions are being met.

This Procurement Review is now closed and no further action is needed. Should you have any questions, please contact Shaynee Moreno, Accountant for Hawaii Child Nutrition Programs, at 808-587-3600 or via email Shaynee.Moreno@k12.hi.us.

Sincerely,



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