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ACTION REQUIRED

TO: Complex Area Superintendents
Principals (Elementary)
Registrars

FROM: Leila Hayashida, Acting Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: **School Year 2014-15 Kindergarten Eligibility Information**

Starting August 2014, a child must be five years of age on or before July 31 of the school year to enter kindergarten in a Hawaii public school. This kindergarten age entry change will affect an estimated 5,100 children.

The Governor's Executive Office on Early Learning and the Hawaii State Department of Education, state departments and community groups have partnered to develop resources to increase awareness about the new kindergarten entry requirements and assist affected families.

Hawaii's keiki may miss an important year of early learning that can help better prepare them for K-12 education. Please post and/or provide the following materials at your school:

- Kindergarten Entry Poster (11" x 17");
- Information for families; and
- Information for child care providers.

Additional information and referenced materials are also available at earlylearning.hawaii.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Geriann Hong, Administrator, School Renewal and Redesign Section, at 203-5526 or via Lotus Notes (Geri Ann Hong).

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Enclosures

c: Superintendent
Assistant Superintendents
Superintendent's Office Directors
State Public Charter School Commission Office