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April 12, 2022

TO: Billy Rayl  
Field Director, Boy Scouts of America

FROM: Nanea Kalani  
Director, Communications Branch

SUBJECT: **Request for Approval to Actively Distribute Promotional Materials for the "Ellison Onizuka Day of Exploration"**

Formal written approval is necessary prior to Department of Education (Department) personnel actively distributing materials promoting a third party's event. Please indicate your approved action following a review of the background information and recommendation.

Background

Billy Rayl, with the Boy Scouts of America Aloha Council, has requested that the Department support the active distribution of materials to promote the 6th annual Ellison Onizuka Day of Exploration, which will be held virtually and in person at the Pearl Harbor Aviation museum on April 23, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. This virtual event is free to the public and promotes Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) by featuring a variety of interactive, engaging, and educational STEM workshops led by professionals in their areas of expertise for no expense. Promotional materials for this event will be distributed to all students statewide.

Recommendation

Given that the request promotes STEM educational opportunities and activities for students and families, it is recommended that approval for active and direct distribution of promotional materials may occur.

This document indicating approval will be kept on file. Should you have any questions, please contact Nanea Kalani via email at nanea.kalani@k12.hi.us or via phone at (808) 784-6200.

Approved Action from Communications Branch  
The approved action is indicated below:

**Distribution of Materials**

Check one:

- ☐ The Department of Education is endorsing such promotional material, and as such, active and direct distribution of promotional materials must occur.
- ☒ Agree with recommendation - Approval is granted for active and direct distribution of promotional materials may occur. A school principal has the discretion to determine whether, or to what extent, to distribute the material and to determine the method of distribution most suited to the school's resources, priorities, and community engagement.
- ☐ Disagree with recommendation - Approval is not granted for active and direct distribution of promotional materials, and only passive distribution of the promotional materials may occur in the limited forum.

  
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Nanea Kalani, Communications Director

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