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TO: Complex Area Superintendents
State Public Charter School Commission Executive Director
Principals
Public Charter School Directors

FROM: Tammi Chun 
Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Building Educator Assessment Literacy (BEAL) Training**

The Assessment Section, in the Office of Strategy, Innovation and Performance, and in partnership with WestEd and the Stanford Center for Assessment, Literacy, and Equity (SCALE), will provide a two-day professional development opportunity for *Building Educator Assessment Literacy* June 1-2, 2017 at the Neal Blaisdell Center on Oahu. The training will provide educators with a deeper understanding of Smarter Balanced performance tasks, how they assess the Hawaii Common Core, and the implications for classroom instruction.

School level instructional leaders, such as curriculum coordinators, department heads and educator support staff will build their knowledge and acquire resources to provide ongoing professional development to support teachers as they score Smarter Balanced Interim Assessment items and use the information obtained from the interim assessments to inform instruction. Participants will have opportunities to:

- learn about Smarter Balanced performance tasks, how they assess college and career readiness, and where they fit into the Smarter Balanced Assessment System,
- use Smarter Balanced scoring tools and processes to analyze student work and develop a deeper understanding of the Smarter Balanced performance tasks and the instructional shifts embedded in the Hawaii Common Core, and
- begin to plan for all students to learn the content and skills necessary to gain mastery of the Hawaii Common Core and to demonstrate that mastery on the Smarter Balanced Assessments.

The training is a two-day event and participants must be available to attend both days.

Dates	Time	Location
June 1 - 2, 2017	8:30 – 4:00	Neal Blaisdell Center (Pikake Room)

There will be breakout sessions for:

- Elementary Mathematics
- Middle School Mathematics
- High School Mathematics
- Elementary English Language Arts/Literacy
- Middle School English Language Arts/Literacy
- High School English Language Arts/Literacy

English Language Arts/literacy and mathematics instructional leaders at each school are invited to participate in this professional development opportunity. In addition, each Complex Area Superintendent is invited to send up complex area representatives whose responsibilities include supporting schools with the implementation and use of the Smarter Balanced interim assessments.

A substitute teacher will be provided for both days of the training for teachers who are still in session. Airfare, lodging and ground transportation will be provided for neighbor island participants when appropriate.

The online registration form may be accessed at the following link:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ee30j5by307ebb32&oseq=&c=&ch=>
or by accessing alohahsap.org > Smarter Balanced > BEAL Training (link on the right).

The registration period will end on *Friday, May 19, 2017*. Completing the online registration form does not guarantee a spot in the training. The Assessment Section will review the list of registrants to ensure that key staff members at each school and complex area have the opportunity to register and reserve a space in the training. Once confirmed, each registrant will receive a confirmation email and additional information about the training. Additional DOE participants will be accepted on a space available basis.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Tohinaka or Paul Dumas at (808) 733-4100 or via Lotus Notes.

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