



Hālau Kū Māna
New Century Public Charter School

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Aloha mai kākou e nā 'ohana,

After closing out last school year, we took some time to listen to you, reevaluating some of our own processes, procedures and outlooks, and have found an interim Po'ō Kumu to help us through this school year while we find a permanent Po'ō Kumu.

We are naming **Brad Kaleo Bennett** as the new interim Po'ō Kumu. Po'ō Kumu Bennett comes to Hālau Kū Māna with extensive education as an educator and education administrator and has worked on Hawai'i Island in Waiākea and here on O'ahu in the 'Ewa, Kapolei and Wai'anae areas.

Po'ō Kumu Bennett's experience in the Department of Education from counselor, student services coordinator to vice principal, principal and ultimately a Complex Area Superintendent will be a great resource as we continue to develop better guidelines and processes both as a place of education and as a place where we mālama and hānai your keiki.

A former Omidyar Fellow, Po'ō Kumu Bennett is a Graduate of Kamehameha Schools and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa where he earned his bachelor's degree in Asian-Pacific History and a master's degree in Special Education.

We welcome Po'ō Kumu Bennett to the HKM 'ohana.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Keoni Lee
Chair, Hālau Kū Māna Governing Board