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Aiea Intermediate Principal named as finalist in \$25,000 School Leadership Award

Tom Kurashige, principal of **Aiea Intermediate School** was named a finalist in the **2011 Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Awards**.

One Hawaii public school principal will receive \$25,000 (\$15,000 towards a school project of his or her choice and a \$10,000 personal cash award). The recipient of this year's award will be announced at the Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation dinner on April 29, 2011 in Honolulu.

The award, which is named after Island Insurance founder Masayuki Tokioka, is underwritten by the Island Insurance Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Island Insurance Companies. 11 public school principals from across the state are finalists for this year's award which recognizes outstanding school principals across the state and their efforts to provide high-quality learning opportunities for their students.

Kurashige has been a principal for 22 years, 11 of which have been with Aiea Intermediate School. He has worked tirelessly with his staff to restructure the school, build confidence in his students and elevate learning by developing instruction that is personalized and assessment-driven.

"As the leader of the school, he models a constant need to change and stay ahead of the game," said Rory Ikeda, Curriculum Coordinator at Aiea Intermediate School. "As a true educator with a passion to provide meaningful learning opportunities for youngsters, he is never satisfied because there is still work to be done."

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