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Kahuku Elementary School Principal named as finalist in \$25,000 School Leadership Award

Pauline Masaniai, principal of **Kahuku Elementary 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.

Principal at Kahuku Elementary School for eight years, she is committed to knowing her students, their strengths and weaknesses, and works to provide programs that allow each student to achieve at their own level. To ensure that all students receive effective instruction and assessment in each class, Masaniai instituted consistent curriculums across all levels. Teachers in each grade also collaborate to maintain uniform assessment methods and discuss best practices.

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“Principal Masaniai’s voice for students has brought a network of programs, teaching strategies, professional development, volunteers and parent child community activities to the school, ensuring that students and staff are supported,” said Uilani K. Kaitoku, Vice Principal, Kahuku Elementary School.

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