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**TO:** All Parents and Guardians of Mokulele Elementary Students

**RE:** *School Uniforms for the 2013-2014 School Year*

It is now time to get ready for the opening of school. We will have SCHOOL T-SHIRT uniforms for this upcoming school year. It was brought up to my attention at an earlier Parent Coffee Hour that appropriate dress was an issue in upper grades. The PTO and SCC have also agreed to this after addressing this to both groups. My recommendation for school uniforms will indicate that research shows that uniforms encourage students to act in a behaved and disciplined manner. They also decrease peer pressure from other students pertaining to the purchase of expensive clothing. Academic performance also tends to improve because school uniforms increase a sense of belonging and school pride, which makes students want to do better.

In addition, we had an overwhelming majority of 80% vote for school uniforms via the survey monkey link sent to your emails. Therefore, we have attempted to keep options open for our families by making relatively inexpensive t-shirts for \$5 and \$6 based on color designs. We will have these on display at tomorrow's Student-Led Conference and Science Fair in Café. Please turn in your orders as we will have several color options. T-shirts will be in our school colors of Royal Blue and Yellow as well as Steel Gray and Red. We will continue to wear red on Fridays in honor of our military heroes. All previous MES t-shirts will also be allowed.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR PRE-ORDER IS MAY 6. CASH ONLY. T-SHIRTS WILL BE DELIVERED PRIOR TO END OF SCHOOL.**

On Flyers Day just prior to the start of school, t-shirt orders will be available and payable by check. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me @ [bart\\_nakamoto@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:bart_nakamoto@notes.k12.hi.us) or call me at 421-4180.

Mahalo for your continued support!

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