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Dear Colleague,

I would like to correct a misstatement being perpetuated in the community that Mufi Hannemann lost the HSTA recommendation for governor by only one vote. This is not true. The Government Relations Committee overwhelmingly recommended Neil Abercrombie for governor to the Board of Directors. During the final phase of our recommendation process on August 7, 2010, the HSTA Board of Directors cast a strong vote to recommend Neil Abercrombie for governor.

Teachers from around the state were involved in our recommendation process. This included researching voting records and candidates' support of education issues, reviewing candidate questionnaires, interviews, and Government Relations Committee and Board of Directors discussions.

The stakes in this year's gubernatorial race are very high. Election of our next generation of decision makers will impact our future and the future of the children we teach for years to come. That's why we are asking every member to have a say in the future of education in Hawaii. Please vote!

Mahalo,

Wil Okabe
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