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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Chief Academic Officers

FROM:

Linda K. Johnsrud Wice President for Academic Planning and Policy

SUBJECT:

Invitation to Mathematics Summit 4: Increasing K-16 Mathematics

Outcomes and Expectations in Hawai'i – October 9, 2010

The Hawai'i Department of Education has recently adopted a new set of mathematics standards called the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics which they plan to implement starting school year 2011-12. The Common Core standards raise the bar and clearly define what K-12 students need to know and understand to be prepared for college.

In addition to increasing rigor in the mathematics content that all DOE graduates should know, the DOE is also raising its graduation requirements for the class of 2018, requiring graduates to earn 4 mathematics credits including Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 (or its equivalent). The changes happening within the DOE provide our University of Hawaii System the perfect opportunity to revisit the first-year mathematics courses that we offer and assess how well our courses align with the Common Core standards and how well they prepare our students for their major.

You are invited join us for Mathematics Summit 4: Increasing K-16 Mathematics Outcomes and Expectations in Hawai'i. This summit will focus on the new Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and how they will impact the transition from high school to college.

DATE: Saturday, October 9, 2009

TIME: 8:30A - 1:00P

PLACE: Windward Community College - Hale Akoakoa

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Please open the attached invitation and agenda/registration form for more information. Please feel free to forward this invitation to deans and others whom you believe should be part of the discussion on how the Common Core mathematics standards can leverage the changes that we need to make at the college level to increase success in first-year mathematics courses and increase degree completion rates.

Attachments