

KSK Po‘o Kula Search Updates

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Aloha e nā kumu a me nā limahana ‘o Kapālama,

As we welcome the start of a new school year and all the promise it brings, I’m reaching out with a few positive updates on the search for our next po‘o kula for Ke Kula ‘o Kamehameha ma Kapālama.

Following the departure of Dr. Taran Chun in March, our CEO Jack Wong asked me to lead this search process. As a KS Kapālama graduate and former kumu, I carry a deep and personal kuleana to ensure this effort is grounded in pono, transparency, and care and that it includes meaningful ways for the KSK ‘ohana to participate in the process. Throughout the school year, our team of facilitators will provide regular updates as the search progresses.

To help guide this effort, we have formed a review committee made up of representatives from across the KSK community, including faculty and staff from each division, parents, and alumni. This diverse committee will offer insight and advisement throughout the process, ensuring that KSK voices remain central in guiding our work.

We’ve also engaged Educators Collaborative, an executive search firm, to support us in designing and implementing the search process. They are being asked to assist us in conducting a search that reflects the values and aspirations of our KSK community and will be visiting campus August 18–20.

We understand the significance of this work and are committed to a process that is rigorous and intentional. While a specific timeline has not yet been finalized, we are aiming to have the new po‘o kula in place in time to prepare for the start of the 2026–27 school year. Additional details will be shared soon, including a webpage for ongoing updates.

If you have mana‘o or questions, please reach out to your review committee representative(s) or email us at ksksearch@ksbe.edu. We deeply value guidance from our KSK ‘ohana and look forward to walking this journey together.

Me ke aloha nui,

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