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Aloha kākou,

Today, as Kamehameha Schools faces renewed challenges to its admissions policy, Lili'uokalani Trust stands in support of Ke Ali'i Pauahi's vision for Kamehameha Schools.

Queen Lili'uokalani witnessed firsthand the degrading conditions of orphaned and destitute children in Hawai'i, especially Native Hawaiian children. In response, she created a Trust to care for, in perpetuity, the most vulnerable among us.

Against this backdrop, the words of the Queen, "E 'onipa'a i ka 'imi na'auao,"—to be steadfast in the pursuit of knowledge—continue to inspire us in supporting the healing, nurturing, and growing of our kamali'i.

Queen Lili'uokalani's testamentary legacy, like that of her hānai sister Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, was born of profound aloha and kuleana for Hawai'i and its people. Lili'uokalani Trust provides pathways of healing and growth through our direct programs and services, while Kamehameha Schools provides pathways of educational advancement and lifelong learning. Together, our work forms part of the foundation that supports our most vulnerable youth on their journeys to thriving.

Imua!

E 'Onipa'a Kākou,

Lili'uokalani Trust