

Kamehameha Schools names three finalists for top job

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Kamehameha Schools has narrowed down the search for a new head of school for the Kapalama campus to three finalists, officials announced in a news release today.

They are:

>> Lee Ann DeLima, currently the headmaster of Kamehameha Schools Maui campus. In her capacity, De Lima oversees 245 full-time and 250 temporary faculty and staff on the 1,100-student campus.

DeLima has a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and sits on the Native Hawaiian Education Council, Maui Association.

>> J. Noelani Goodyear-Kaopua, a professor of political science at UH-Manoa. Goodyear-Kaopua has helped to build UH's indigenous politics program. She received a doctoral degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

>> and Earl T. Kim, superintendent of schools for the Montgomery School District in New Jersey. Kim left Hawaii 17 years ago, traveling to the mainland, Western Pacific, Europe and Asia. He has a master's degree in public affairs from Princeton University.

The process to find a new head of school began in mid-May, after longtime Kapalama headmaster Michael J. Chun announced he would step down in July 2012.

A third party search firm reviewed more than 30 completed applications for the position and semi-finalist interviews were conducted last week.

The three finalists will be interviewed by Kapalama faculty, administration, students and community members, before a decision is made.

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