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**HAWAII 3R'S PROJECT AT PAUOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO REPAIR
LOWER PLAYFIELD IRRIGATION, ADD A SITTING WALL AND PLANTER BOX
AND LANDSCAPE OUTDOOR STAGE**

**Volunteers from American Savings Bank and Community Volunteers will be painting
and planting foliage around Pauoa Elementary School's campus**

Hawaii 3R's has awarded a grant of \$36,300 to Pauoa Elementary School to repair the lower playfield irrigation, add a planter box and sitting wall for students, and landscape the outdoor stage. The outdoor stage is the centerpiece of the school which serves as the schools primary area for special school functions as well as community events. If this project had been completed by the State Department of Education, it is estimated that it would have cost \$90,000. However, through volunteer support and good contractor relations, this project is being completed for less than half the estimated cost.

The goal of this project is to evoke school pride in the students, staff and the community. The community has already approached the school with ideas and additional support for the project. Thus, a sense of ownership by the community has already begun to take place which will only enhance future partnerships with the school.

Savings is attributed by the support of American Savings Bank who will be painting the sitting wall and planter box and planting foliage around the outdoor stage and wall fronting the schools parking lot. Price discounts for construction of the wall and landscaping provided by Punalu'u Builders and Takenaka Landscaping.



In 2001, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye began an initiative called Hawaii 3R's (Repair, Remodel, and Restore Hawaii's public schools). Working with State agencies, trade unions, businesses, the military, community leaders, parents, teachers, and students, the goal is to match State, federal, and private funds with volunteerism – "sweat equity" – both skilled and unskilled, to complete repair and maintenance projects at a significantly lower cost.

Since 2001, Hawaii 3R's has awarded 362 grants totaling \$10.5 million to 161 different public schools statewide for repair and maintenance projects. The State estimates that it would have cost \$25.7 million to complete these projects on its own.

Hawaii 3R's receives funding from the State and Federal governments. It has also received private funding from many organizations and individuals, including the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation, Hawaii Community Foundation, Campbell Estate and the James and Abigail Campbell Foundation, American Savings Bank, Prudential Locations, Armstrong Builders, Quill Group, Maui Land and Pineapple Company, and the Pierce Brosnan Family Trust.

Hawaii 3R's awards grants to proactive public schools that step forward with enthusiastic volunteers, business support, and/or private contributions of equal or greater value to the requested grant amount.

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