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Aloha, my friends. I want to update you on my situation but first, I want to thank all of you for the tremendous support you have given me the past five months. Isabel and I could not have survived this situation if we did not have your support.

Mahalo.

Here's the update: Sup't Kishimoto sided with CAS Mahoe. As of January 7, 2020, I am demoted to Vice Principal and permanently transferred to Kalakaua Middle School. Additionally, they have given me 60 days to vacate the cottage. The union and I are shocked by Kishimoto's decision but also not surprised. There is more at play here than meets the eye. The next step is for the union to file a grievance on my behalf and have a neutral arbitrator decide if I should return to HSDB or not. The union is also going to request that I remain in the cottage until the grievance is resolved or a minimum of three months. The union has been very supportive of me and strongly believes that transferring me to KMS and demoting me to VP is a travesty, and that I belong at HSDB. Hopefully the arbitrator will come to a similar conclusion. Should that fail, I have a lawyer ready to take my case – the same lawyer that sued DOE during the 2011 HSDB sex scandal.

Emotionally, Isabel and I are handling this situation as best as we can, again, thanks to the support of all our friends. We are currently looking for a condo to purchase or rent as we love Hawai'i and have great friends here. Personally, as long as I am breathing I am going to make sure that CAS Mahoe and other individuals within DOE are held accountable for their egregious and audistic actions – however long it takes.

From Isabel and I, thank you once again for all your support. Mahalo.

