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## **The Department of Education and Texaco Hawaii Host the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Texaco Honolulu District Elementary Speech Festival**

**HONOLULU, HAWAII (April 17, 2017)** – The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Elementary Speech Festival, sponsored by Texaco Hawaii and the Department of Education — Honolulu District, will take place on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Kaimuki High School. The festival is designed to encourage elementary schools to emphasize oral communications skills, one of the three key components of the Language Arts curriculum.

“This speech festival provides children an opportunity to not only reach another level in their oral communication skills but it also serves as a confidence booster,” said Assistant Superintendent Suzanne Mulcahy, Office of Curriculum Instruction and Student Support. “We’re grateful for partners like Texaco who understand the value of aligning our content standards with festivals that showcase our student learning.”

The festival is open to Honolulu District students from grades 3-5, with up to 15 student participants per school. The purpose of the event will be to provide opportunities for students to meet the following content standards:

- Students will communicate orally using various forms.
- Students will apply knowledge of verbal and nonverbal language to communicate effectively.
- Students will adapt messages appropriate to audience, purpose, and situation.
- Students will demonstrate confidence as communicators, and find value and satisfaction in communicating with others.

Schools may enter up to 15 students in any of the following five categories:

1. Choral Reading

2. Group Interpretation
3. Oral Interpretative Reading
4. Poetry
5. Storytelling

Judging for the festival will be conducted on a strictly non-competitive basis. The purpose of the festival is to encourage elementary students to develop their speech skills by providing them with feedback for self-improvement. The judging panel will be made up of Island Energy Services employee volunteers, as well as volunteers from supporting educational, business, and community groups. Every participant will receive a custom-designed medal for his or her efforts during the event.

“Texaco is a Chevron brand, and we are proud to continue to build upon our 28 years of sponsorship by supporting the Speech Festival again this year,” says Carina Tagupa, Communications and Community Engagement Manager for Island Energy. “The Speech Festival is an opportunity for us to get involved and better informed about public education in Hawaii, and we are excited to work with the students to help them develop and improve their oral communication skills.”

**Event Details:**

- **Date:** Saturday, April 29, 2017
- **Time:** 8:00 AM to 12:15 PM
- **Site:** Kaimuki High School
- **Sponsor:** Texaco Hawaii & Department of Education – Honolulu District
- **Award:** A custom designed medal for each participant

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