



Reflections on Accountability

Talofa,

As the Chairman of PREL's Board of Directors, I am honored and humbled for this great opportunity to share with you my vision on Accountability, as it is the theme of this issue of *Pacific Educator*.

Accountability, which is a provision and part of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, requires that all states develop a plan to ensure steady progress and proficiency for each child. We, as educators, have assumed the responsibility to see that our children have acquired and are provided with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed.

Accountability begins with us. To ensure accountability, we need to set standards, ensure academic assessments are aligned, have highly qualified teachers, lead learners, and be accountable for what we do each day. We must work together to do the right thing. Let's make the commitment to make a difference in a child's life.

It is my belief that as we work toward meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and continue to be accountable for our students and education system, we will see the results. It is only through accountability that we can close the achievement gap and attain student and school success.

I thank you for your commitment and efforts in ensuring that no child is left behind. I look forward to working with all Pacific entities, educators, PREL staff, and the PREL Board of Directors. May we all have a successful school year.



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