## Kihei Charter School's Commitment to the "Mission"

"To conceptualize, organize, and build innovative learning environments with custom designed educational programs that will prepare students for a satisfying and productive life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." -KCS Mission Statement

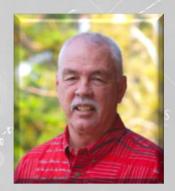
At Kihei Charter School, we actively live our mission through the project-based learning model. Through this method, students gain invaluable knowledge and skills through extended investigation and responses to real-world challenges. Students benefit significantly from this methodology as it provides an authenticity to the coursework and also enables voice and choice among the student body. Furthermore, students are able to reflect upon, critique and revise their own work, enabling growth throughout the process. The final component is the production and public exhibition of a final product. During this progression, the work is given real value, as the students are given a platform to share their work with internal and external communities.

Twenty-seven words define our mission here at KCS. Our purpose entails more than just a high school diploma; it is the process through which it's obtained that holds the greatest importance. In other words, the learning that takes place "between the lines" is what we value. We hold our students accountable for more than just grades. We expect them to struggle, battle, prosper and grow. This development will ultimately enable them to succeed beyond our school walls. We don't just expect our students to graduate from KCS with curricular knowledge; they must leave our school fully strapped with the skills and tools needed to thrive in our modern world.

Enjoy your Fall Recess with your 'ohana.

Michael Stubbs, Director of the High School and the Leadership Team

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