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SPEAK OUT

What do you think the new Upcountry high school should be named?

1. Haleakala (23 votes)
2. Queen Lili'uokalani (17)
3. Upcountry (7)
4. Cameron (6), tie
- Five Trees (6)
6. Kula Lani (3), tie
- Mauka (3)
8. Silversword (2)
- Jacaranda (2)
- Centennial (2)

Others receiving one vote:
Piilani, Sunrise, Maui, Monarchy,
Monarch, Five Trees, Lower, Alii Lani,
Noonema, Five Trees, Maui Two,
Makalehale, Ohiwa, Makalani,
Kula, Anuhea, Mahoeke, Valley Isle,
Pukaia, John Riedorf, Lokalani,
Lindsey, Maui Upcountry, Harold
Rice, Gateway, High Country,
Sovereignty, Pukakulawao, Y. Hewa
Kahi, Maui High Pine School, Crater,
Emma Sharpe, Luna Ole Lani,
Mountain, Boondoggle.

By any other name . . .

Dormant volcano and Hawaii's last queen are top choices in poll

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What do you think the new Upcountry high school should be named?

"Haleakala High School" was the answer that stood out above the rest in The Maui News Speak Out Hotline poll conducted Jan. 20-22.

The question was offered to readers as the state Department of Education begins its official search for a moniker to place on the school, scheduled to open in September 1995 at the junction of the Kula and Haleakala highways.

Maui District Superintendent Lokelani Lindsey is gathering a list of names and is planning to recommend one to the state superintendent before the end of February.

Twenty-three callers thought Haleakala towered above the rest.

"The high school Upcountry should be named Haleakala High School — perfect to have 'House of the Sun' for passing the light onto the new generation," said John Ziegler of Haiku.

Haleakala outdistanced second place "Queen Lili'uokalani High School," which was suggested by 17 callers. Further behind was "Upcountry High School," chosen by

seven callers, "Colin C. Cameron High School," by six, and "Five Trees High School," by six.

Thirty-nine other suggestions were noted as well in the largest response — nearly 100 calls — to a Speak Out Hotline question to date.

A great deal of sentiment was expressed for christening the school with a Hawaiian name.

"I think it should be a Hawaiian name," said Kanela Joshi, "because if you can't

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name places in Hawaii Hawaiian names, where can you?"

And not surprising in this 100th year since the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy, Queen Lili'uokalani received a fair number of votes.

Gail Bartholomew of Makawao was one who suggested the school be named for the last Hawaiian monarch.

"I think definitely it should be a Hawaiian name. And I think all of us, non-Hawaiian and Hawaiian both, should be supporting the Hawaiian movement. I think (naming the school Lili'uokalani) would be a good gesture."

Even English language names were suggested to observe the historical event: "Centennial," "Monarchy," "Monarch," "Sovereignty."

Several callers created their own distinctive Hawaiian names by using a conglomeration of Upcountry community names: "Makalehalekula" — short for Makawao, Haleakala and Kula; "Pukakulawao," for Pukalani,

Kula and Makawao; and "Makulani" for Makawao, Kula and Pukalani.

Others brought forth Hawaiian words that attempt to capture the spirit of the school and its location:

"Alii Lani" (high heaven), "Pueo lke" (owl view), "Hookumu" (to make a beginning in source or origin), "Anuheka" (cool, soft fragrance as in an upland forest), "Luna Ole Lani" (up in the heavens) and "Kula Lani" (kula for open country and lani for sky).

Radio host Charles Kauluwhi Maxwell offered "Piilani High School" as his choice.

"The name Piilani translates as 'ascending or climbing to heaven,' a fitting name for a place of higher learning," Maxwell said.

Three kings named Piilani ruled Maui in the 14th and 15th centuries, and one of them lived near the school site, he pointed out.

Upcountry High School has been the working name for the school, but Keith Rivera of Pukalani was urging that it become the permanent name.

"The Upcountry high school should definitely be named Upcountry High because that's where it's located no matter where the people will come from to attend the school," he said.

Alberta De Jetley of Hana said the late Maui Land & Pineapple Inc. Chairman Colin Cameron should be honored.

"If it weren't for Colin Cameron we'd still be looking around for a piece of land to build this school on," she said.

Warren Rodrigues of Pukalani said he was a member of the last class of Maui High School to spend a full year at the old Hamakuapoko site before moving to the Kahului site.

"My hope is that my children, when they do attend the new Upcountry high school, will likewise be a part of the school with the same name that I was involved," he said.

Some people remain upset with the location of the school. Diane Logsdon, for example, suggested "Hewa Kahi High School," which

means "wrong place." Alicia Bay-laurel of Kihei isn't happy, either:

"I think that the Upcountry high school, since it shows such spectacular lack of vision and bowing to the interests of big business instead of thinking of the 'aina and the people, should be named after Lokelani Lindsey."

Some people also are upset that the state is planning to move two of the five jacaranda trees that sit at the junction of the Kula and Haleakala highways to make way for the Pukalani bypass. Dennis Smith of Kula suggested the name, "Five Trees Minus Two," in honor of the folks at the Department of Transportation.

Still others are upset at the planned phasing-in of the school over several years. Malia Koehler of Paia offered "Loser School" as her name because "the kids are not going to have a fair chance at a good education when it's being built in phases and, God knows, it may take 10 years for them to get the cafeteria in."

"King Kekaulike" was not even on the list.