**SWCOLT 2024 – KEITH HAYASHI – FRIEND OF THE PROFESSION**

Superintendent Keith Hayashi has been an ardent supporter of the language teaching profession and of multiculturalism, multilingualism, and multiliteracy in Hawaiʻi for over three decades. Under Principal Hayashi's leadership, Waipahu High School boasted one of the largest numbers of different language offerings in the state of Hawai’i. Students could choose to study Hawaiian, Ilokano, Samoan, Japanese, Spanish, Chinese, or Korean.

As Superintendent, Mr. Hayashi continually works to foster appreciation for world second, additional languages or heritage languages. Moreover, his support of Hawaiʻi Seal of Biliteracy helps develop a sense of pride in students for their ability to communicate in more than one language.