



**Dale Castro** is in his 6th year as principal at Mililani Waena Elementary School. Under his leadership, Mililani Waena has made annual strides that top the charts with respect to annual gains at Hawaii School Turnaround schools. Mililani made AYP Dale's second year, which he has held on to and accomplished every year since. As a School Turnaround principal from 2007-2009, Dale showed third grade gains of over 30 points in 2008 and bigger gains for fourth grade scores in 2009. Once a failing school with scores in the twenties and thirties, Mililani now boasts scores 82% proficiency in reading and 77% proficiency in math, well above the state average in both subjects.

Dale has been a Specialist with School Turnaround since 2009. He is currently working as the specialist to Wahiawa Elementary, which climbed 18 points in third grade reading and 19 points in third grade math in 2010, and improved overall reading and math scores by 7 and 13 points the same year.