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Aloha Parents and Guardians:

As we close out the first quarter I want to thank you all for your patience, cooperation and support as we continue to navigate the challenges that have been imposed on all of us due to COVID-19. Our commitment has been unwavering as our schools and their respective administrators/staffs have strived to provide our students with the safest possible educational experience via the Distance Learning Model.

On September 17, 2020, our state Superintendent; Dr. Christina Kishimoto announced that schools will be using the newly released metric and guidance from the Hawaii State Department of Health (HDOH) to assist with the development of appropriate learning models moving into the second quarter and beyond. In addition to the metric, the Aiea-Moanalua-Radford (AMR) Complex Area will consider the Governor's Re-Opening Status, the Mayor's Four-Tier Framework, and input from our school communities as part of our decision making process. While we continue to closely monitor COVID-19 activity on Oahu to ensure a safe and successful transition, it is our collective goal across our complex area schools to **safely and gradually** phase in the number of students returning to campus during the second quarter.

As we continue to increase the number of vulnerable students on campus, principals are working strategically with their leadership teams to ensure safe transitions across all schools/levels. With our principals working and planning for the gradual increase of students they will be ever mindful of current case counts, positivity rates, health and safety guidelines, as well as facility and workforce capacity. All of our schools are stocked with the appropriate PPE to handle the gradual influx of students and adults onto our campuses. Principals will be sharing and posting their individual school plans out to the public in the near future. Please note that each individual school plan may differ from school to school.

The plans being developed will allow for a phased in approach for a safe number of students to return to campus while other students will continue with distance learning. Our goal is to continue to scale up our efforts so that we can ensure a smooth phase-in when we hope to return to school in our full blended models after the holidays in January.

Once schools share their plans please contact them directly if you have any additional questions. Moving forward let's continue to work together in support of our most precious resource; our children.

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