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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As our first quarter comes to a close, I want to thank you for your continued patience, hard work, and cooperation. Although we began the school year from a distance, we are united in our commitment to serve our students by providing them the safest possible educational experience.

Superintendent Dr. Christina Kishimoto recently announced that schools will use [newly released guidance](#) from the Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) to plan appropriate learning models for the remainder of the academic year.

To begin this rollout, schools will start the second quarter with the continuation of distance learning while we closely monitor COVID activity to ensure a safe and successful transition to blended learning. See the individual letters from your school for details. We will communicate more details as we finalize plans. In order for families to prepare sufficiently for any changes in the school learning model, families will be provided with a reasonable amount of notice given circumstances presented.

As we move forward, I want to thank you for your partnership during these unusual circumstances. Continuing to ensure your students have a dedicated learning space while in distance learning is an important part of the learning experience. Supporting their learning of good digital citizenship in the home, just as they would in the classroom, will strengthen their positive learning experience. Please see our [digital citizen flyer](#) and [distance learning parent website](#) for more information.

Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE) public school students and families will continue to have access to the health hotline and telehealth services provided by the [Hawai'i Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program \(HK\)](#). Families are encouraged to call the hotline to receive health guidance and schedule a telehealth visit when appropriate.

We appreciate your support as we navigate through these uncertain times. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or your school principal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathleen Dimino
Complex Area Superintendent