



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
WINDWARD OAHU DISTRICT
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Dear Kailua-Kalaheo Complex Area community,

As the Superintendent of the Kailua-Kalaheo Complex Area, I support 14 schools in the Kailua and Waimanalo communities. I regularly consult with all of my principals, listen to the voices of parents and staff, and work to coordinate with state officials. After weighing out the new Department of Health metrics and suggested guidance with the need to maintain consistency and safety, the Kailua-Kalaheo Complex Area leaders have collectively decided to continue delivering instruction through a full distance learning mode until the end of the fall semester on December 18.

The safety of our students, staff and community remains our highest priority. We also value providing consistent instructional routines that minimize the disruption of changing models with short notice. Throughout the second quarter, we will continue to offer differentiated support for vulnerable learners that may include on-campus instruction for students who require specialized learning services, students who need additional academic support, students in key transition grades, and students who lack internet access on a case-by-case basis.

As a Complex Area, we are committed to using this time to plan for effective protocols that will allow students to physically attend school in the spring semester under conditions that minimize risks to their health and that of their communities. We are also collectively reflecting on our instructional practices as we continually make improvements and work towards ensuring that every student has access to a full curriculum of substantially similar quality regardless of the method of delivery. The department is continuing to solicit feedback on the distance learning experience through the Online Content Feedback Form at <http://bit.ly/3BX8WxR>. The feedback will help to inform improvements to virtual learning. We appreciate the active role that parents and guardians have played in collaboratively supporting teaching and learning amid this health crisis.

Aloha,

Lanelle Hibbs
Kailua-Kalaheo Complex Area Superintendent
Your Partner in Education