



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Dear Kaimuki, McKinley and Roosevelt Complex School Communities,

I want to thank you for your continued patience, hard work and cooperation through the first quarter. As we began the school year *Learning from Home*, our commitment to serve our students by providing them the safest possible educational experience remains our highest priority.

On September 17, 2020, the Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) Superintendent Dr. Christina Kishimoto announced that schools will be using a 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 Kaimuki-McKinley-Roosevelt (KMR) complex area will also consider the Governor's Reopening Status, *Act with Care*, the Mayor's Four-Tier Framework, and input from our school communities as a 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 goal to **slowly 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 strategically planning for a safe transition of additional students to campus. Principals will meet with their school teams to plan for this gradual increase, being especially mindful of current case counts, positivity rates, health and safety guidelines, facilities and workforce capacity. Please be assured that every school in the KMR complex area is stocked with appropriate personal protective equipment to handle the gradual influx of students and adults. Should you hear otherwise, please contact your school principal directly. School transition plans will be unique to each school and will align to all health and safety protocols recommended by the HDOH, HIDOE and the Board of Education. Plans may be adjusted should circumstances change. Principals will be sharing their school plans with you shortly.

This tentative KMR plan will allow for upwards of 25% of our students to return to campus while other students continue with distance learning or participate in blended rotations. Our goal is to ensure a smooth phase-in, so more students can continue to return in January.

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

Sincerely,

Linell Dilwith
Complex Area Superintendent
Kaimuki-McKinley-Roosevelt Complex Area