



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Dear Kaiser Complex principals, teachers, staff, students and families,

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.

Recently, Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) Superintendent, Dr. Christina Kishimoto, announced that schools will use newly released guidance from the Hawaii State Department of Health (HDOH) to develop appropriate learning models moving into the second quarter and beyond. Our complex area will also consider the Governor's Reopening 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 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.

It is our intention to start with kindergarten at the elementary level, grade 6 at the middle school, and grade 12 at the high school. By December, we hope to also include our grade 1 students. Each school team will continue to meet with their faculty and staff to plan for this transition, being mindful of current case counts, positivity rates, health and safety guidelines, facilities, and workforce capacity. Each principal will communicate their school's hybrid/blended learning model on October 12, 2020, with a start date no earlier than Monday, October 26. Please note that models may differ school-to-school, and all school health and safety protocols will align to HDOH, HIDOE, and the Board of Education's expectations.

This hybrid/blended learning model will allow for upwards of 25-35% of our students to return to campus during the first semester. All other grade levels will remain on our *Learn from Home* (or current distance learning) plan, following the same schedule as quarter 1. 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,

Rochelle Mahoe, Ph.D.
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