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Dear Complex Principals, Teachers, Staff, Students, and Families,

As our first quarter comes to a close, I want to thank you for your continued patience, hard work, and cooperation during the first quarter. We began the school year *Learning from Home* and our commitment was to serve our students by providing them with the safest possible educational experience.

Recently the Hawaii Department of Education Superintendent Dr. Christina Kishimoto, announced that schools will be using a 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 the 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. We want to gradually return our students back to face to face instruction because we know that direct instruction in front of an effective teacher has the best chance of meeting the learning needs of most students.

It is our intention to gather community and staff input, review student data and prioritize student needs to determine how each school will slowly bring students back onto campus. 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 plan to families. Please note that plans may differ from school-to-school.

This tentative plan will allow for upwards of 25-45% of our students to return to campus. All other grade levels or groups of students 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,

Robert Davis  
Complex Area Superintendent  
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