



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – LEEWARD DISTRICT
OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
601 KAMOKILA BOULEVARD, ROOM 588
KAPOLEI, HAWAII 96707

September 28, 2020

Aloha Nānākuli-Wai'anae Complex Area 'Ohana,

As our first quarter of the school year comes to a close, I want to thank you for your continued patience and support as COVID-19 continues to impact our community. Your school leaders and I, in consultation with the Department of Health, have seriously considered the return of students to our schools. We have also heard your voices as concerned parents, family and community members, and we share your worries about the health and safety of both students and school staff. These health concerns are balanced with our responsibility to provide quality learning experiences for your children. In consistency with all Leeward District schools, our Nānākuli-Wai'anae Complex Area will continue distance learning during Quarter 2 through December 18, 2020. Your schools will be communicating expectations and supports for at-home-learning during the second quarter.

While we work to ensure our schools are places where students and staff are safe, we also want to minimize disruption of learning routines and educational programs that have been established in Quarter 1. Throughout the second quarter, we will continue to provide quality educational experiences. We will reflect on the data from Quarter 1 to expand our reach to students needing continued supports. We will also use this time to develop more ways to support all students to be successful. We are committed to reflecting on our present practices and developing plans for the safe return of students to our school campuses, so more students can continue to return to campus in January.

The Department is continuing to collect feedback on the distance learning experience through the Online Content Feedback Form at <http://bit.ly/3BX8WxR>. We would also like to offer resources to support you and your children as you learn at home. Each of our Nānākuli-Wai'anae schools have websites that offer support through online resources and on-campus staff support. The Nānākuli-Wai'anae Distance Learning website also contains information and resources for both parents and students at [Nanakuli-Wai'anae Distance Learning \(https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/nnakuli-waianaedistancelearning/home\)](https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/nnakuli-waianaedistancelearning/home).

Mahalo for your support of learning in your homes, for keeping our keiki safe, and for your faith in our schools to educate your children now and in the future.

Mahalo,

Sione Thompson
Complex Area Superintendent
Nānākuli-Wai'anae Complex Area