



HIDOE Remains Student-Centered In Confronting Fiscal Impacts from COVID-19

Hawaii continues to deal with the escalating fiscal uncertainties created by the COVID-19 pandemic, including a steep decline in tax revenues that fund the state's budget. This has a significant impact on the Department, whose operations comprise nearly one-quarter of the state's general fund budget.

In confronting these fiscal challenges, the Department remains student-centered in all decision making, and focused on our core mission to ensure all students reach their aspirations.

This week HIDOE leadership held a virtual meeting with assistant superintendents, complex area superintendents, principals and branch directors to ensure the tri-level leadership team understands the scope of the fiscal challenges we face. As an organization we want to be thoughtful versus reactive in our budget planning.

A similar presentation is scheduled to be given at the Board of Education's General Business Meeting on May 7. A link to the presentation that will be shared is available [here](#).

The information explains where we are at this point in time. It is understandable to be overwhelmed by these economic realities. We are sharing this information to provide accurate information – no matter how bad – because our school communities are counting on us to lead and remain productive for the sake of our students.

Mahalo to our education leaders, teachers and support staff who continue to be a consistent source of academic delivery, student services, and transition support for our students, parents, and communities.

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