April 17, 2020

Dear Parent and Guardians,

As many of you have already heard, all Hawaii public schools will remain closed for the remainder of the school year due to the current COVID 19 pandemic. We will be continuing continuity of learning via distance learning opportunities (Google Classroom, Webex or other virtual meetings, possible work mailed home) through May 28, the last day for students before our official summer break.

Your child’s safety, wellbeing, and continued learning remain our top priorities. Teachers across our complex have made tremendous strides in maintaining contact with students through online classrooms, setting up office hours to answer questions, and providing work electronically. Konawaena complex principals have heard many stories about the online classrooms and how happy students and teachers are to see and interact with each other. It is just so important for us to stay connected during this time of physical isolation and your support continues to be more than appreciated. We honestly cannot thank you and our community enough.

To that end, if you know of students or families that have limited or no means of staying in touch with teachers or the school, please help them in contacting their counselors, advisory teachers, or the school. The office number is 313-6000 to provide updated contact information.

The department was also proud to announce the launch of health supports for public school students statewide. Specifics will be shared in the coming weeks and schools will forward that information once received.

For seniors and their families, as saddened as we are that traditional commencement ceremonies have been canceled, we definitely want to do something special to celebrate 13 years of schooling and be able to wish all our graduates well in their post high school endeavors. Representatives from the class of 2020 and teachers have been meeting to come up with a safe and memorable way to celebrate your achievements. An announcement regarding the specifics of the ceremony will be made soon along with cap and gown pickup procedures and other senior-specific graduation things.

As always, please continue being safe and caring for each other!

Sincerely,

Shawn S. Suzuki, Principal

To request interpreter or translation services for this or any document, please call the student services coordinator or an administrator at 313-6000.

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