March 20, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of Konawaena High School Students,

First, let me thank everyone for their patience and understanding. We hope all is well and that everyone is practicing keeping ourselves and our community safe from COVID-19 transmission. I apologize for this long and seemingly jumbled update, we’re trying to get everyone as much updated information as possible.

All activities are still canceled and school facilities are closed to the public, no exceptions. This is not only to minimize viral transmission, it is also so we can complete our school sanitation protocol in preparation for everyone’s eventual return.

Currently students are scheduled to return to campus on Tuesday, April 7. We will be sending out a notice if this changes at any point in time. Whether on campus, electronically, or by other means, the fourth quarter grading period will begin on Tuesday April 7. Please go to our school website konawaenahs.org for notices and updates regarding school closures.

Meal Service During School Closure: Please see the separate Meal Service notice posted for full details and guidelines.

Report Cards: We are not sure when third quarter report cards will be mailed. Once we confirm a date, we’ll let everyone know.

Counselor Availability: For students that may need counseling support during the closure, our counselors are available via email for help.

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   School-based Behavioral Health Therapist, traci.nakamoto@k12.hi.us

Online: In order to prepare for the possible need to deliver online instruction, we will be sending out a survey to better judge our community’s present access to technology. We will also use the results to proactively develop a plan for distributing Chromebooks and/or other devices just in case. Mahalo in advance for completing the survey.

The week of March 23 teachers will be planning lessons and lesson delivery. Most teachers will be communicating through google classroom so please remind your students to keep checking! The week of March 30 work and assignments may begin. Given the extended absence, these assignments will focus primarily on review activities to help students get back into the swing of school. Full fourth quarter lesson instruction, whether on campus or some other means, will begin on Tuesday, April 7.

Opportunities for learning are everywhere and we are asking families to please do what they reasonably can to keep our students as academically active as possible, whether it’s reading, doing educational website activities etc.

Mahalo again Konawaena! Please stay safe and well!

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Shawn S. Suzuki, Principal

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