



Home of the Wildcats

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

At last week’s Governor’s press conference, Superintendent Kishimoto announced that Hawai‘i’s public schools will be using the newly released guidance from the Hawai‘i State Department of Health (DOH) as one indicator to plan for appropriate learning models for the remainder of the academic year.

Our school will be working with other schools in the West Hawaii Complex Area and Konawaena Complex to weigh the DOH information against other important considerations. This will allow us to start the process of safely bringing students back to campus. The second quarter begins on Monday, October 12. For planning purposes and to minimize disruption, school will continue as full distance learning from home (no in-person, on campus instruction) as we currently have been. During the second quarter schools will plan for a gradual rollout of blended learning opportunities as they continue to monitor COVID case activity in their communities against the DOH metrics. The health and safety of our students and staff remain our priority. As decisions are made, we will let everyone know in advance of any changes to the current schedule.

The ability to curb the spread of COVID-19 and keep students in school will require our community working together. To that end, we continue to urge our families to help us by avoiding social gatherings. The DOH continues to see COVID-19 clusters involving private home parties or gatherings (e.g., birthday parties, funerals, religious gatherings etc.). Together, we can minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you for your support as we navigate through such unprecedented times.

Most Sincerely,

Shawn S. Suzuki, Principal

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OWN THEIR FUTURES**