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Dear Konawaena High Parents and Guardians,

We are excited about the return of blended learning seniors this week as we begin transitioning all blended learning students (9-12) back to campus! I am sending this letter in tandem with all complex area schools as we continue to phase in the return of blended learning students to campus. Konawaena High School is doing this by grade level and will have everyone back by Monday, March 22. Students enrolled in the full online Acellus program do not return to campus. Because the safety and well-being of our students and staff is of utmost importance, our complex administrators took great care in planning for this adjustment. The following is Konawaena High School's schedule for student return:

Monday 2/22 Seniors A-Ka	Tuesday 2/23 Seniors A-Ka	Wednesday, 2/24 By Invitation Only	Thursday, 2/25 Seniors Ke-Z	Friday, 2/26 Seniors Ke-Z
Monday, 3/1 Seniors A-Ka	Tuesday, 3/2 Seniors A-Ka	Wednesday, 3/3 By Invitation Only	Thursday, 3/4 Seniors Ke-Z	Friday, 3/5 Seniors Ke-Z
Monday, 3/8 Seniors and Freshmen A-Ka	Tues, 3/9 Seniors and Freshmen A-Ka	Wednesday, 3/10 By Invitation Only	Thursday, 3/11 Seniors and Freshmen Ke-Z	Friday, 3/12 Seniors and Freshmen Ke-Z
3/15 Spring Break	3/16 Spring Break	3/17 Spring Break	3/18 Spring Break	3/19 Spring Break
Mon, 3/22 All Blended Students A-Ka	Tues, 3/23 All Blended Students A-Ka	Wed, 3/24 By Invitation Only	Thurs, 3/25 All Blended Students Ke-Z	Fri, 3/26 All Blended Students Ke-Z

The following factors were considered in making this transition to blended learning:

- The downward trend of COVID-19 cases in Hawaii County shows a steady decrease in the number of active cases on the island.
- Vaccinations have become more widely available to staff members and the community.
- No transmission has occurred in schools hosting in-person learning since November 2020.
- The parameters outlined in the Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) health policy guidance are in alignment with the thresholds needed to transition to in-person learning.

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We are optimistic we can sustain these positive changes if we continue to follow the recommended safety measures. We would also like to thank everyone in advance for their flexibility if a return to full online or limited in-person learning needs to happen with very short notice. Here are additional measures we are taking in addition to mandatory mask wearing, frequent hand washing, and social distancing in classrooms to safely welcome students back to campus:

- Delineating foot traffic patterns in our stairways and walkways.
- Modifying the entrance and exit to the cafeteria and grab-and-go meal format.
- Adhering to safety guidelines recommended by DOH and CDC for educational gatherings that involve multiple classes and grade levels.

As students continue to return to campus, please remember to perform a wellness check using the guidance that has been posted and sent home. You may also find it at bit.ly/WellnessCheckHIDOE. Individuals who are exhibiting any symptoms, or who have been directed to quarantine by the DOH, should not come to campus. If someone in your household has been tested for COVID-19 or if they are exhibiting symptoms, please call before coming to campus.

Thank you for your continued support and patience. Please know that as we monitor and respond to this pandemic, our community's safety continues to be our top priority. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (808)313-6000.

Thank You!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shawn S. Suzuki".

Shawn S. Suzuki
Principal

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