



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
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Dear Mānoa School Ohana:

This week, our fabulous teachers and support staff have been working tirelessly to craft a distance learning plan that will bring a semblance of normalcy in these “un-normal” times and re-establish a sense of community with one another. Classroom teachers have reached out to you via email to explain all the different ways that they plan on engaging with your children, be it video conferencing, use of websites and other innovative means of providing enrichment opportunities. As we begin the rollout this new education model on Monday, March 30, 2020, please understand that there may be technical glitches, but know that I couldn’t be prouder of our teachers who, in many instances, are being risk takers in working outside of their normal comfort zone.

Teachers are also hard at work completing report card grades for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. We hope to have all reports cards mailed home to our families by the end of next week.

For our families whose children receive special education services, please be on the lookout for email messages from your care coordinator and, if applicable, service providers. They are diligently looking for ways to provide distance learning opportunities to the greatest extent possible. You might also receive a request to participate in a special education video conference meeting using the Cisco WebEx platform. Thank you in advance for everyone’s flexibility with meeting in the age of social distancing.

In addition to the [manoaschool.com](http://manoaschool.com) website, here are a couple of additional resources that you might find useful.

<http://bit.ly/COVID19HI> - This is the official Hawaii Department of Education COVID-19 resource page.

<https://bit.ly/covid19hawaii> - This is a crowdsourced resource of curated links specific to Hawaii concerning the novel coronavirus global pandemic (COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2).

Finally, it’s important to remember that we still have an entire month to go with this shelter-in-place order. Stay resilient, continue to find ways to support one another, and intentionally look for opportunities to create moments of joy in this time when it’s needed more so than ever. I’m sure your children can’t wait to re-engage in learning with their peers!

Sincerely,

Ryan Kusuda  
Principal