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Dear Hawai'i DOE staff, faculty, parents and guardians,

The Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE) is extending its spring break through March 27 for all public and charter school students. The Department will use the additional time from March 23-27 to plan for implementation of social distancing within the school setting, arrange for professional development to support modified operations, and thoroughly clean schools.

Mililani Middle, Kapolei Middle and Holomua Elementary will be off multi-track schedules for two weeks from March 16-27. Normal school operations for all schools are expected to resume Monday, March 30. Spring break was originally scheduled to run from March 16-20 for most HIDOE schools, and Thursday, March 26, is Prince Kuhio Day, which is a state holiday.

The Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) issued COVID-19 guidance on Friday, March 13, regarding public events and group gatherings. As a result of this guidance, HIDOE will be canceling Department-coordinated events that meet this criteria until updated guidance is provided by health officials.

Official COVID-19 updates will continue to be posted on the Department's website at www.hawaiipublicschools.org. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in prioritizing the health and safety of our school communities.

If you have any questions, please contact your school's administration.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phyllis Unebasami".

Phyllis Unebasami
Deputy Superintendent