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Without a doubt, the 2019-2020 school year will forever be remembered for the coronavirus pandemic that radically impacted our lives at home, work, and school. Thank you so much for your flexibility, creativity, and patience as education was completely reimaged in such a short period of time. I am extremely grateful that, despite all of the challenges, Mānoa School was able to create a sense of community and normalcy during these unnormal times. Thank you teachers, thank you parents, and thank you students for rising up to the challenge.

To our resilient fifth graders, I wish you well as you continue your educational journey. No matter where you go, know that you'll always represent our school through your words and actions. Remember all the good times you had with your friends throughout the years, and know that we couldn't be prouder of you and your many accomplishments. We will miss you and look forward to you visiting sometime in the future.

Thank you to all of our families who have worked in partnership with the school to create wonderful memories this year. Your generosity and gift of time is truly appreciated. None of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of both our Association of Parents and Teachers (APT) and School Community Council (SCC). A special mahalo goes out to outgoing APT President Sandy Chong and Secretary Bonnie Sakai who have both played key roles in the APT's overall success. We will miss your expertise, tireless energy, and passion for making our school such a fabulous place to be.

Finally, we bid a fond aloha to four members of our amazing staff. Ms. Eileen Carr, one of our fabulous fourth grade teachers will be relocating and teaching on the island of Molokai. Ms. Rachele Ricardo, our wonderful fifth grade teacher, will be moving and teaching on the island of Kauai. Mrs. Dayna Nettrour, one of our excellent kindergarten teachers, will be returning and teaching on her home island of Hawaii. Finally, we wish Diane Ikenaga, our tremendous kindergarten teacher a happy retirement after 32 years of dedicated service! We will miss you all and wish you all the best. Mahalo!

As we prepare for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year, know that we're working hard to create a school environment that will be safe and provide the best possible educational experience within this new age of COVID-19. Please stay tuned to the news and emails that will give guidance as to how Hawaii Public Schools will open in August. Till then, on behalf of the entire faculty and staff of Mānoa, stay safe, healthy, and enjoy the summer.

Sincerely,

Ryan Kusuda
Principal