



STATE OF HAWAII
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Dear Mānoa School Ohana:

Happy Holidays everyone! While the past nine months have proved incredibly challenging, I'm incredibly proud of the obstacles our entire school community has overcome in order to reopen our campus to our lower grade level students for these past six weeks. Nothing has brought me greater joy than to see happy children in our classrooms and playgrounds safely interacting with one another. We continue to be vigilant in our efforts to maintain high health and safety standards for our keiki and staff. The infection rate on the mainland reminds us that we must not let our guard down. Our plan to welcome back grades three through five in the 3rd quarter is carefully proceeding as planned. Blended learning will commence starting on Thursday, January 7 (Group A) and Friday, January 8 (Group B).

In order to prepare for the start of the 3rd quarter, I would like to reopen our offer of a 100% distance learning option for all students. Our staff has worked towards crafting an enhanced 100% distance learning plan. While the Acellus platform will still be used, our grade level teachers will supplement gaps in instruction using the Google Classroom platform.

Please take the time to talk it over as a family unit with regards to whether the 100% distance learning option is right for your child. In order to adequately prepare for the next quarter, if you plan to switch either to face-to-face or to the 100% distance learning option, please go to <https://forms.gle/1NrsEqo9N7RZ2N6P8> and fill out this form by 4:00 pm Tuesday, December 8, 2020. If you do not fill out the form, the assumption is that you want your child to stay in his or her current education learning option.

Finally, I want to express my sincerest gratitude to the Manoa School community for their continued generosity. Thank you to our families who have participated in the APT's various fundraisers and PPE supply drives. Even during these rough economic times, every contribution, whether big or small, makes a tremendous difference in our efforts to nurture, empower, and inspire our children.

Sincerely,

Ryan Kusuda
Principal