



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Dear Mānoa School Ohana:

As we've now passed the midpoint of this most unusual first quarter, I'd like to extend my gratitude to all of our families who've worked in close partnership with our dedicated Mānoa School teaching staff in educating our keiki. We recognize how challenging it has been for everyone in this distance learning environment. Thank you for your continued perseverance, empathy, and patience.

For families enrolled in our face-to-face option, Superintendent Kishimoto on August 27 announced that distance learning would continue through the entire first quarter, which ends October 2. While there has been encouraging signs of decreasing COVID-19 numbers since the most recent stay-at-home order, there is still no official word as to when schools will be able to proceed with its campus reopening plans. As soon as an official announcement is made, we will make sure to share it with the entire school community.

For families who selected the 100% distance learning option with Acellus, thank you for sharing your feedback. Many of you have commented how positive the overall Acellus experience has been. Some families have also expressed their desire to switch back over to the face-to-face option prior to the ending of the first semester in December. For these families wanting to transition their child out of the 100% distance learning option with Acellus between the first and second quarters, please complete the following Google Form located at <https://forms.gle/243ZedNZDmbCgTxD7>

In order to give our school adequate time to plan for the second quarter, please talk it over as a family, weigh the pros and cons based on your own family's unique situation, and then complete the Google Form by Friday, September 25, 2020 if you want to make the switch. Keep in mind that by switching out of the 100% distance learning option with Acellus, when Mānoa School is able to safely reopen its campus, your child will be expected to attend school in person.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the front office at 808-988-1868 or email me at ryan.kusuda@k12.hi.us. On, behalf of the entire faculty and staff, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ryan Kusuda
Principal