



April 17, 2020

To: Makua and Haumāna of Kawaiikini NCPCS

Re: Update for Week of April 16

Aloha e ka 'ohana Kawaiikini:

We hope everyone is staying healthy and safe during these uncertain times. Kawaiikini continues to follow the DOE guidelines requiring all Hawai'i public schools to be closed through April 30th. Our staff is actively engaged in providing much-needed, modified services including revising several procedures.

Communications: Kumu will continue to communicate with you through one or more of the following: online formats such as Seesaw, google classroom, emails, and phone calls. Your Kumu can be contacted via email using "kumu(first name)@kawaiikini.com", or by calling the office number #632-2032. For schoolwide updates we will continue to use our schoolmessenger phone call system, makua team reach, emails and kawaiikini website. If you have any questions or concerns about computer access, Seesaw learning codes or ability to pick up enrichment materials, please let us know.

Campus access: Our school line is being answered from 8-12pm, and messages can be left on our voicemail thereafter. We will return your phone calls by the following day or forward any messages to Kumu. Campus is closed through April 30th. If your Kumu informs you of prepared printed materials, it can be picked up on Mondays from 12-5pm at Hale Piko.

Meals: DOE meal services will continue till school resumes. Pick up breakfast (7:30-8a) or lunches (11:30-12p) at designated locations at Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle, Kapa'a High, Kekaha Elementary, Koloa Elementary and Waimea High schools. Beginning on April 27th, Kilauea Elementary will also serve meals.

Haumāna Learning: We are focused on minimizing disruption for haumāna and supporting their emotional well-being. For tips and tools to navigate and support your child's continuous learning, please utilize the resources that the Kumu have provided your keiki as well as visiting DOE's website at bit.ly/HIDOEVirtualLearningParentResource.

For the last couple of weeks, haumāna have been provided with enrichment activities. These activities were meant to sustain learning completed prior to school closure. Beginning **April 20th**, all haumāna who were not proficient by the end of 3rd Quarter will be given the opportunity to improve their 3rd quarter grades by completing both missing and new assignments. Their final

grade for this semester will not be lower than their 3rd quarter grade, their grade can only improve through completing newly assigned work from their Kumu. 3rd quarter report cards are being mailed out to your home addresses. We hope that all keiki take the opportunity to improve their grades and be best prepared for the coming years.

Kawaikini Graduation Requirements for seniors: Should school closure continue through the end of school year 2019-2020: each course (with the exception of the Senior Project), will utilize 3rd Quarter grades, which ends on March 13, 2020, as the last grade for the courses and award credits for those who achieved proficiency and higher. Final grades will be calculated for quarters 1-3. **For the Senior Project course,** credit will be awarded upon **completion** of the project. This credit is required to receive a diploma. (Seniors please be sure to communicate with Kumu ‘Alohilani through google classroom or Kawaikini emails for your status of completion. Mahalo.)

Puka Kula ceremony: As many of you may have heard, traditional graduation ceremonies have been canceled for this year. Puka Kula is a sacred milestone for our seniors as they work all year to prepare for this event. We are working to plan an alternative celebration to recognize our graduates that abides by existing health requirements at that time. We will be sending out a notice late next week (April 24) as to how we will be recognizing our graduating class of 2020. We are positive we can create an event to honor our hard-working seniors.

Information changes on a daily basis, mahalo for your patience. We want to wish you health and safety during this exceptional time. Let’s take care of ourselves – and each other – as we all do our best to get through this as a community.

Mahalo,



Jessell Tanaka, Executive Director

And Ku‘ulei Hamberg, Governing Board President