Aloha Kua O Ka Lā 'Ohana,

We hope this email/message finds you all safe, healthy and enjoying your Summer.

If you haven't heard, construction is underway at our Nani Mau campus, expected completion date is August 14, and we are eager to begin the new school year. We are also excited to have part of our PreK program on the Nani Mau campus this year, in addition to having PreK at our Nanawale site.

We would like to share with you our preliminary plan to "Return To School" as we await our board approval.

August 12th-14th at Nani Mau - we'll be scheduling 'ohana meet and greet appointments with each student and their family. You will be contacted by your keiki's kumu at the beginning of August to schedule your appointment. The ohana meetings will allow families to hear what our Kumu have in store for student learning for this school year and it provides an opportunity for you folks to share any concerns. After your meeting with your keiki's kumu, you will also be able to take care of transportation needs, purchase school shirts and complete all necessary beginning of the year paperwork.

We have created a Blended Learning model for our campus students grades K - 6 for the upcoming year. This Blended Learning model allows for students to come to school to receive face-to-face instruction for some of the days and virtual learning while at home on the other days.

Based on the CDC/DOH guidelines and our facilities, we are able to have 10 students working with each teacher daily. Unfortunately, we are not able to have all students on campus at the same time, while adhering to the 6' social distancing requirements. With that being said, we will be dividing all students into two cohorts allowing students to be in Cohort A and Cohort B.

Cohort A will report to the Nani Mau campus for in-school learning every Monday and Tuesday beginning August 17th.

Cohort B will report to Nani Mau campus for in-school learning every Thursday and Friday beginning August 20th.

In-school learning will continue on Wednesdays, beginning with Cohort A on August 19th and Cohort B alternating on the following Wednesday, August 26.

While students are not in school, they will be expected to participate in distance learning through the Acellus Online Learning Platform. Please see the attachment to have a better idea of our cohort rotation plan.

To help us plan for the start of the school year, please complete this 'Ohana Survey by Friday, July 17th.

Please feel free to call the school office if you have any questions. We will remain at the 1437 Kilauea Avenue, Hilo, HI office until August 1, 2020.

After August 1st, all admin and transportation staff will relocate to the new office space at Nani Mau.

Please feel free to call our office at 981-5866 and we will address your questions as quickly as we can.

We look forward to working with you and your child in the upcoming year.

With Aloha,

Kapoula Thompson Principal - Kua O Ka La