



July 8, 2020

Aloha Wai'alae 'Ohana,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and in good spirits. To those of you who are new to the Wai'alae School community - welcome! The 2019-20 school year ended unlike anytime in modern history due to COVID-19. As we prepare for the new school year we continue to follow COVID-19 updates across the state and nation.

Wai'alae Elementary's goals moving forward are safety for our entire community and providing the best educational experience we can for our students. We will act in accordance with three principles outlined in the June 18, 2020 [Board of Education Resolution](#) on reopening schools: 1) Giving hope, 2) Acting with kindness, and 3) Working towards togetherness.

**Wai'alae Elementary Public Charter School Reopening Plan:** Wai'alae Elementary created our reopening plans based on criteria and guidance from the State of Hawai'i, the Board of Education, the Department of Health, the CDC\*, and the DOE/HSTA\*\* agreements. The Reopening Plan was presented to teachers for feedback and to the Governing School Board for approval. The comprehensive reopening plan can be found [here](#). Highlights of the plan include:

#### **Instructional Model:**

The Blended Model of instruction we will implement will use a combination of face-to-face instruction on campus and distance learning off campus. Students will be divided into A/B rotational groups. Each group will be on campus for two days for face-face instruction and off campus for two days for distance learning. Group A and Group B will rotate face-to-face instruction on campus on alternating Wednesdays. This model will allow students to be on campus 5 days every 2 weeks. The rotations will begin with the following:

#### **Group A**

Monday/Tuesday: On Campus, Face-to-Face

Wednesday: On Campus, Face-to-Face  
8:00-11:30 (alternating weeks)

Thursday/Friday: Distance Learning

#### **Group B**

Monday/Tuesday: Distance Learning

Wednesday: Distance Learning (alternating weeks)

Thursday/Friday: On Campus, Face-to-Face

Here is a [calendar](#) that shows the A/B rotational schedule throughout the year.

Families have the option of requesting 100% distance learning to allow students to learn from home everyday. If you plan to opt for the 100% distance learning please let us know [here](#). If you are still undecided about 100% distance learning please let us know as soon as possible as this affects our logistics and planning.



**Health and Safety Precautions:**

- Social Distancing of 6' (where feasible)
- Daily cleaning and disinfecting of rooms and commonly touched objects
- Face Shields provided for all adults and students (your child will have their own shield)
- Extra face masks at school for children if they forget their mask at home
- In addition to the Health Room, an Isolation Room for students exhibiting COVID symptoms and waiting for pickup
- Health Screening (temperature checks and questions) upon entry for everyone on campus
- Campus visitors will be limited to those who have essential business
- Designated gates for student drop off and pick-ups to allow for daily health screenings
- Limited mixing of students and adults

Our first student day will be Tuesday August 4, 2020. We will host virtual parent meetings on July 20th and July 29th at 4:30p to discuss school reopening and will send meeting links and information at a later date.

As we face the greatest public health and educational challenge in modern history it is imperative that we come together to do the best we can for our children. Our children are depending on us for their safety, education, and emotional well being. I know that our school community will answer the call.

Sincerely,

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