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Aloha CKMS 'Ohana,

As you may have heard, yesterday on August 11th, the Hawai'i Department of Education (HIDOE) announced the Kaua'i Complex Area's plan to reopen on August 17th in a **100% distance learning hybrid model**. For CKMS this means that the majority of our enrollment which had intended to participate in our blended model will now be a part of our 100% blended distance model. Hybrid, simply implies that some of our learners may require some face-to-face instruction as well. We will notify parents specifically in the cases of those learners who may need to attend school physically. Please note the following important dates:

Week of August 17-20, 2020:

- Blended Learning students will come to campus as planned to meet their teachers and get prepared for distance learning in the following weeks.
 - Group 1: Monday, August 17 and Wednesday, August 19
 - Group 2: Tuesday, August 18 and Thursday, August 20
- Students will need to bring **personal earbuds** if available for use with computers. We will have some available and will ensure they are disinfected between use.
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided in school
- **Personal water bottles are encouraged**. Although fountains will be frequently cleaned and will be available, we discourage drinking from the fountain and encourage students to refill personal water bottles and flasks instead.

Week of August 24-September 11, 2020:

- Students will receive on-line instruction
- Grab and Go breakfast and lunch will be available for students:
 - Breakfast - 7:30 am to 8:00 am
 - Lunch - 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

HIDOE, will make a decision by September 8, 2020 as to whether distance learning will continue the week of September 14, 2020 and thereafter.

Please note that as CKMS planned for the reopening of school, some of our families opted to have their children participate in a 100% Distance Learning Plan. Our **Distance Learning Plan** will utilize the Florida Virtual School Curriculum and the Blackboard Learn Platform, with 100% of the instruction being delivered online. The **Blended Distance**

Learning plan, which has been established recently as a result of HIDOE's decision to move to 100% distance, will utilize Google Classroom teacher created materials with synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Students on our Blended Distance Learning Plan will start with distance learning on August 24th through September 11th as mandated by the HIDOE. A determination will be made by September 8, 2020 whether or not an extension of distance learning will be necessary. Students on this plan will continue to receive instruction from core and elective teachers through their assigned Google Classrooms. A virtual learning schedule will be shared through a **Blended Learning Virtual Orientation Night** for students on Monday, August 17th @ 5:00 pm. The virtual meeting link is: https://bit.ly/ckms_virtual (Need To Be On Your School ECKMS Account)

Blended Distance Learning Expectations:

- Attendance will be mandatory and taken daily in Advisory.
- Students will be **required** to check into their teacher's Google Classrooms.
- **All** students will receive **synchronous** (live) instruction from teachers who will be teaching from their classrooms.
- Much like if students were on a typical face-to-face A/B rotation schedule at CKMS, teachers will also provide students with **asynchronous** (online modules, self-paced) instruction and assignments on Google Classroom which will need to be completed prior to a student's next virtual meeting with a teacher. These may include "homework" or individual practice assignments, readings, videos, etc.
- **All work must be submitted on Google Classroom** as directed by the teacher.
- A summary of Google Classroom assignments will be accessed by parents to inform them of what has been assigned for their child for the week.
- Infinite Campus (IC) will be used by teachers weekly for grading and parents will need to access it to monitor student grades.
- Students will be expected to dress appropriately and wear their school shirt while in a virtual classroom meeting or keep their cameras off.
- Students will be expected to ask for help from teachers via email or by attending open office hours on Virtual Mondays during the scheduled times. Students may also schedule time with teachers, or counselors if needed.

We want to take this time to thank you for your understanding, flexibility, cooperation, and support during this time of adaptation. *He a'ali'i ku makani mai au, I am a wind resisting a'ali'i*. We grow stronger together, and as a CKMS 'ohana, we will continue to be resilient when faced with the many challenges of COVID-19.

Mahalo,



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