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Aloha PHCA Ohana,

With barely a day's notice, we know that parents had to scramble for childcare arrangements and our teachers rearranged and recreated their lesson delivery, assignments and schedules. At the same time, our Executive Director for HAIS spent Wednesday evening in contact with the Mayor and Governor's office questioning if the Mayor's new order mandated the temporary closing of in-person programs for "just private schools." Later, a spokesperson for the City and County of Honolulu acknowledged that Mayor Caldwell "mis-spoke" earlier regarding private schools having to close while public schools and UH could remain open for on-campus learning. Governor Ige's office sent out a press release clarifying that, "the City and County of Honolulu's 'stay-at-home, work-at-home' order allows private educational institutions to operate as essential functions." This order that is in effect through Wednesday, September 9, 2020, also asked for private schools to "implement distance learning to the greatest extent possible."

The concern that the Mayor's initial announcement seemed to target private schools has been clarified and ultimately, we know the goal of our governing leaders is to protect our community as they deal with the perplexity of this pandemic. PHCA will continue to implement the Distance Learning (DL) plan announced on Wednesday to help mitigate the spread of this virus. In person instruction will be temporary suspended for the prescribed fourteen day "incubation period" and PHCA will return to on-campus instruction on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance for Zoom Classes is taken just like it is for on-campus classes. Please make sure your child is on time and prepared to learn. If your child will be absent, tardy or have to leave prior to class ending, please make sure you inform the office.

SCHOOL LUNCH: As we cater and pay for school lunches in advance, there are no refunds for absences or missed lunches once the month has started. However, we have been working with our caterer and when they provide a credit for the lunches missed in August, we will apply that credit to your FACTS account. Also, as the month of September has not yet started, there will be a credit on your FACTS account for the overpayment in September. Please note, calculating and applying this credit is a time-consuming task and you will not see this credit in your FACTS account right away. School lunch will resume on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Please continue to encourage your child to be diligent with their online classes and assignments. In all we do, glorify God - which includes making the best of our ZOOM classrooms. Our Mayor is addressing the COVID-19 situation with a shutdown - so let's all be responsible and consciously do our part to help control the spread of this virus and end the shutdown. We know this situation is temporary and continue to pray for God to hasten the healing and recovery of our nation. *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* Isaiah 41:10

Mahalo and God Bless,



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