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Aloha PHCA Ohana,

One day we will look back at pictures of our ZOOM Classrooms, Distance Learning, Stay-at-Home Creativity and even the "cool" Face Masks. These pictures will be like the "stones of remembrance" the Israelites erected so their future generations would always be reminded of God's amazing deliverance crossing the Jordan River as described in the Book of Joshua. Until then and as we continue to navigate through these still uncharted waters, Joshua 1:9 also tells us to be "*Strong and Courageous.*" We are truly grateful for the strength and courage God has given our staff and parents to collaborate together to help our students connect, learn and adjust to their "new" normal.

Last Friday, public schools announced "Extended Learning" would continue through the end of the school year. President Trump also proposed the "State or Regional Gating Criteria" for reopening our States in three phases - where each phase reflects a significant decrease of CoVID-19 cases. Hawaii has seen some decline in confirmed cases, however Governor Ige has announced that despite this decline, Hawaii is not ready to lift the "STAY AT HOME" restrictions and foresees extending the original end date of April 30th even further into May. As this is still a fluid situation, it is unknown as to if and when it will be safe to lift the "STAY AT HOME" mandate, much less resume on-campus instruction.

Our commitment to the health and safety of our PHCA Ohana is top priority. We will also continue Distance Learning until the end of the school year - unless all "social distancing" mandates are lifted and the CDC/HEMA clear all concerns regarding the health and safety of our community. All activities in May have been put on hold and we are looking at the possibility of a "virtual" graduation ceremony. The final weeks of school have always been a time of bonding and recognitions. Our staff is greatly saddened that we will not be able to celebrate this time with all of the students. We know that this is also very disappointing for our students and families as well.

Back to Joshua 1:9 - the rest of the verse says, "*Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*" We didn't choose to be in this situation, but we can choose how we respond to it. "*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer (Romans 12:12).*" We appreciate your patience and partnership and pray we all come out wiser and stronger as we get through this situation together.

Mahalo and God bless,



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