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Aloha Ho'okele Ohana,

I hope this letter finds your family safe and well.

We have been tracking Oahu's 7-day averages of COVID-19 cases since returning from Winter Break to determine what our next course of action will be in regards to bringing more students back on campus as recommended by the Hawaii Department of Health in combination with the unique situation of each school community and the school's ability to implement mitigation strategies such as physical distancing, mask wearing, and sanitizing protocols.

Ho'okele Elementary School is looking at staggering grade levels of students back on campus beginning the week of February 9 **if** the Oahu 7-day averages of COVID-19 cases show a downward trend. Due to the large size of our student enrollment and the difficulty of keeping our students safe during meals, the students will take home their lunch. They may pick-up their breakfast on the following day's Grab and Go to eat at home before coming to school. This situation will also impact what time in-person learning will end each day. **A decision to begin the staggered grade level return to an A/B blended learning model is projected to be announced on Friday, January 29, 2021. The following schedule is what is planned if we begin our Blended A/B Learning Schedule.**

Blended A/B In-Person Staggered Return to Learn Schedule					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mondays: ALL A/B Students, Distance Learning</li> <li>• Tuesdays - Fridays: Students in Groups A and B are Alternating (A,B,A,B)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Group A: Tuesdays and Thursdays: In-Person &amp; Wednesdays and Fridays: Distance Learning</li> <li>○ Group B: Tuesdays and Thursdays: Distance Learning &amp; Wednesdays and Fridays: In-person</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mondays - Fridays: 100% Distance Learners</li> </ul>					
Week	Grade	Start	End	Group A	Group B
Feb. 9 - Feb. 12	Kindergarten	7:50 am	10:50 am	Tues. and Thurs.	Wed. and Fri.
Feb. 16- Feb. 19	1st Grade	8:05 am	11:45 am	Tues. and Thurs.	Wed. and Fri.
Feb. 23- Feb. 26	2nd & 3rd Grades	7:50 am	12:00 pm	Tues. and Thurs.	Wed. and Fri.
Mar. 2 - Mar. 5	4th & 5th Grades	8:05 am	12:15 pm	Tues. and Thurs.	Wed. and Fri.

Before your child's grade level returns to school, you will be receiving more information prior to their return. You may also review our updated [Parent School Reopening Handbook](#) for additional information. We understand that some of these changes may cause a disruption to your child's routine, however, please know that we did not take this task lightly as we looked at many different options with our limited resources available in order to safely transition our children back to in-person learning.

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 metrics daily with the hope of sharing good news on January 29, 2021. In the meantime, please stay safe and follow all recommended safety precautions.

Sincerely,

Laureen Dunn, Principal