



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LEEWARD DISTRICT OFFICE
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Aloha Pearl City-Waipahu Complex Area Ohana,

Hope this finds all of you well. This is a follow up to the letter dated September 21st, which indicated that we would be starting the 2nd quarter with full distance learning (FDL) and a decision regarding the rest of the quarter would be forthcoming. Your school leaders and I, in consultation with Hawaii's Department of Health, have been deliberating on the return of students to our schools. Students' health and safety needs are balanced with the desire to provide quality face to face learning experiences. Community feedback ranges from some who look forward to an early return while others feel safer in continuing distance learning. We recognize there are different opinions on how to proceed and there is not "one best" answer.

While we are eager to see all our students return to campus, after much consideration, all Pearl City-Waipahu schools will continue with FDL through the end of the 2nd quarter while continuing to provide more personalized support to our vulnerable learners. This decision is consistent with all Leeward District public schools, which include those in Pearl City-Waipahu, Campbell-Kapolei, and Nanakuli-Waianae. When the time comes for preparation and transition to a blended model, we would like to assure parents that you will be given at least two weeks notice prior to any schedule change.

The Department is continuing to collect feedback on distance learning experiences through the Online Content Feedback Form at <http://bit.ly/3BX8WxR>. We welcome your comments and suggestions as we extend full distance to the end of the quarter. Thank you for the continued support in our efforts together as we educate and keep our keiki safe.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keith Hui".

Keith Hui
Complex Area Superintendent
Pearl City-Waipahu