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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As our first quarter comes to a close, I want to thank you for your continued patience, hard work, and cooperation. Although we began the school year from a distance, we are united in our commitment to serve our students by providing them the safest possible educational experience.

Superintendent Dr. Christina Kishimoto recently announced that schools will use newly released guidance from the Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) to plan appropriate learning models for the remainder of the academic year. To view the guidance please visit: bit.ly/DOHSchoolGuidelines.

The Ka'ū-Kea'au-Pāhoa schools will continue distance learning for quarter 2 and phase in opportunities for more on-campus learning using a prioritized approach based on student needs. We will continue to closely monitor COVID activity to ensure a safe and successful transition and communicate more details as we finalize plans.

Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE) public school students and families will continue to have access to the health hotline and telehealth services provided by the [Hawai'i Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program \(HK\)](#). Families are encouraged to call the hotline (844-436-3888) M-F from 8a-3p to receive health guidance and schedule a telehealth visit when appropriate. Please see attached [flyer](#) for more information.

We appreciate your support as we navigate through these uncertain times. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our administration at 808-313-4800.

Sincerely,

Chad Keone Farias
Ka'ū-Kea'au-Pāhoa
Complex Area Superintendent

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