



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
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Aloha Castle Ohana:

By now you know that the HIDOE has extended the closure of school facilities until April 30. I understand that with this decision, families are wondering what will happen with school and what will school look like. I want to reassure you that our staff has been, and will continue working to ensure the continuity of learning and wellbeing of our students.

Since Monday, March 23, teachers have been preparing meaningful and engaging lessons. During the week of March 30, the teachers will prepare the virtual platforms and physical materials needed to implement distance learning by Tuesday, April 7th. Additionally, chrome books will be distributed to students in need including information about accessing free wifi via Spectrum. On Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, the CHS Distance Learning Plan (DLP) will be emailed to all parents and students via their school accounts as well as posted to our school website. If your child is in need of a Chromebook, please refer to the survey link found on our website. The HIDOE has also published a "Continuity of Education" website which has numerous ideas, links and resources. This website can be found at: [bit.ly/HIDOEVirtualLearningParentResource](http://bit.ly/HIDOEVirtualLearningParentResource).

#### Special Education Services

Schools will ensure that students with disabilities have equal access to the same enrichment opportunities as their peers. Schools are working toward providing the most appropriate modifications and accommodations under the circumstances. Related services that can be provided via telepractice will be considered on a case-by-case basis for students who have qualified for these services. When school resumes in its traditional manner, Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Section 504 teams will meet to determine if there was a loss of skills as a result of the extended school closure, and the need for compensatory education.

Please check regularly your email and our website for updates and information. You can also reach me at [bernadette.tyrell@k12.hi.us](mailto:bernadette.tyrell@k12.hi.us). Again, we thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation as we go through this process together.

Malama Pono,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bernie Tyrell".

Bernie Tyrell  
Principal