



STATE OF HAWAII
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Aloha Castle High School Students, Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the opening of the new school year, we look forward to welcoming our students back on August 4, 2020. Our primary goal is to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff members. We have selected a hybrid model of instruction called Model B (A/B Rotational Model) and we are committed to delivering a quality education to all so all students have the skills, habits, and dispositions to graduate, career and college ready.

CHS will begin by welcoming back only one-half of our total student population to our campus on a given day. Only a small percentage of very vulnerable or at-risk students will be coming to the campus daily. This means that students will come on campus for face to face sessions with each of their teachers and some of their classmates for two days a week. They will spend the remainder of the time at home working independently. During Friday office hours, teachers will be scheduling face to face or virtual appointments with students needing additional support.

When students are not in school, they will be expected to work independently at home on teacher assigned curriculum, activities and projects. We want all students to access the virtual instruction and online class meetings when scheduled and assigned in order to take full advantage of all learning opportunities that are offered to them by their teachers.

We will continue to share our plans for health and safety and finalize the groupings of students. Once we have most of our students registered, we will communicate with you about what group each student is assigned to. Students will be grouped into one of two cohorts A or B. When the groupings are done, students will be able to see what days they will be attending face to face classes on campus.

As a learning community we need to pull together as we begin our 2020-21 school year. We ask for your cooperation and we will do our best to keep the communication lines open regarding this new and very different classroom experience. We are making every effort to provide a positive experience that will include, as much as possible, all of the activities and support that are part of the exceptional Castle academic and co-curricular experience.

Mahalo for your patience and support, please stay safe and take care of your families. We are looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

Malama Pono,

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

*Dr. Bernie Tyrell
Principal, Castle High School*