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Aloha Ka’ōhāo ‘Ōhana,

Thank you for your patience during this pandemic. Over the last few months we have looked at all the possible ways to safely bring students back to campus. We are scheduled to reopen our campus to students on **Tuesday, August 4th, 2020**. Our first nine days of school will be half days (Aug 4th-14th). As we introduce our plans, please keep in mind that this pandemic is a dynamic, ever evolving situation that may require us to change anything and everything about the way we operate.

**Ka’ōhāo will be offering 3 learning models to students.**

This plan offers solutions that addresses families’ concern for the safety of their children in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic while also protecting the health of our faculty and staff. This three-option model honors family choice by allowing for the selection of a learning model they feel best protects their family’s health and safety.

**Ka’ōhāo Virtual Academy - All Remote Learning for K-6:** Families may choose to have students participate in remote learning from home using an online, standards based elementary course learning system such as Acellus or Kahn Academy.

**Ka’ōhāo Blended Learning Academy for K-6 - Blended Learning Option for K-6:** Families may choose to have students participate on campus one day a week at school and four days remotely using an online, standards based elementary course learning system such as Acellus or Kahn Academy. As conditions evolve the school may add the option to attend additional days.

**In-Person Face to Face Instruction for K-6:** Students will attend school in-person, every school day with social distancing along with other health and safety restrictions in place.

**Zoom Informational Meetings**

I invite you to attend a small group parent zoom meeting to receive additional information and ask questions on **Thursday, July 9** at 9am, 11am, 2pm, 5pm, 7pm and **Friday, July 10** at 9am, 11 am, 2pm, 5pm, 7pm

Please register for a zoom meeting at [bit.ly/KaohaoReopen](https://bit.ly/KaohaoReopen). You will only need to register once to attend any of the scheduled meetings.

We believe this is an innovative, comprehensive model that will put safety first for our students, faculty and staff while providing for the educational needs of the children in our care. Please see additional information in the attachments below and a survey to make your selection of a learning model. Feel free to contact me at [wsakurai@kaohaoschool.org](mailto:wsakurai@kaohaoschool.org) if you have any questions or concerns. We thank you for your continued support and understanding. Stay safe!

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Mahalo,

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Ka'ōhāo School Director

## Learning Model Selection

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Parents/guardians will be responsible for selecting a model for each of your students enrolled at our school.

When selecting a model, you are **committing to that model for the 1st Trimester** (August 4-October 30). In order to provide for the safety of our students, staff and community members, these are the models we have proposed to ensure we are protecting the health of our students and staff. Whichever option you choose, please keep in the mind that school, this year will follow a different set of rules and safety measures. We ask that you consider your options carefully as this will be your option for the entire trimester. Model choice will not affect GE status or continuing enrollment.

In these pandemic times, all educational institutions are doing the best they can. But regardless of the model you choose, **school will NOT look like it has in the past**. Students will unfortunately be instructed on campus in a more restrictive learning environment to meet health and safety guidelines.

**Ka'ohao Virtual Academy** - The school provides standards-based, online classes for students enrolled at Ka'ohao Public Charter School. Virtual Learning students will be guided through their classes by state-certified teachers and additional supporting staff utilizing online courses. Your student will NOT be instructed by the grade level teacher but rather a virtual learning staff team. Your student may borrow an iPad to ensure they have full access to the online teaching portal. This is NOT the same as the virtual learning your student participated in during the school closure. Students can participate in a more flexible and independent learning environment, progressing as they demonstrate mastery of objectives, concepts, and skills.

**Ka'ohao Blended Learning Academy** - Students will participate in Ka'ohao Virtual Academy model, but will be assigned one day a week to attend school on campus. This will be in a separate learning space, adhering to social distancing and mask wearing guidelines, and will provide support and/or coaching from a Hawai'i State certified teacher and additional support staff. Your student may borrow an iPad to ensure they have full access to the online curriculum.

**In-Person Instruction:** Students will attend school in-person, every school day. Students will be divided into smaller cohorts with students adhering to social distancing and mask wearing guidelines. Cohorts will remain in the same classroom or alternative learning space throughout the day, as teachers, EAs, and specials instructors rotate in for various subjects. Students will have access to outdoor spaces for recesses and at the teacher's discretion for learning. Air conditioning may not be available based on CDC recommendations.

Please use the Google form to submit your selection for your child(ren) **no later than Friday, July 10, 2020**.

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