



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we settle into the 2019-2020 school year, I'd like to welcome everyone back. I hope the first few weeks have been exciting for you and your child and the adjustment has been a smooth one - whether it's starting school for the first time as a Kindergartener, preparing for the final year with the Hawaii DOE as a senior, and everything in between.

As we continue to get back into the routine and rhythm of the year, I'd like to use this opportunity to highlight the importance of attendance. Students who are not in school, even for one day, miss out on significant learning opportunities affecting their academic growth. Many of our students recognize the value of being in school — on time, every day. Let's continue to encourage them and partner in establishing good habits that will lead to academic and personal success.

Our students also must be engaged and ready to learn. This means having a healthy breakfast so they are fueled for a day of rigorous learning experiences. Take advantage of our breakfast and wiki meals. We have lots of tasty options! Please check with your child's school for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's educational experience and mahalo for choosing the Hawaii DOE as their learning organization. Have a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto  
Superintendent