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Aloha KES Parents/Guardians,

We look forward to beginning our phased return to campus for blended students on February 22. Below is a list of key points to help you plan and prepare for this transition.

- All students, staff, and essential visitors must follow mask wearing, hand hygiene, sanitizing, and social distancing guidelines.
- Modified on-campus schedule for students: **8:00am - 10:45am**
 - Group A: Last name A-Ka On campus Monday & Tuesday 8:00am - 10:45am
 - Group B: Last name Ke-Z On campus Thursday & Friday 8:00am - 10:45am
- **Campus opens at 7:45am** (no students permitted on campus before this time).
- **Bus and car dropoff begins at 7:45am. No double parking permitted.**
- **Bus transportation will be FREE** for all KES students for the remainder of the school year. See link: [How to Apply for a Free Bus Pass](#) to complete an online application.
 - **Bus applications must be completed by this Thursday, February 11th if possible.**
 - **Only students with a Bus Pass will be allowed to ride the bus.**
- Students arriving at 7:45am will head directly to their classrooms.
- **First bell at 7:50am. Second bell at 8:00am will signal the start of school.**
- Students arriving after 8:00am will be checked in and marked tardy at the visitor's tent.
- The on-campus school day will end at **10:45am**.
- **All students eat FREE.** Prior to dismissal, students will pick up their free, pre-packed lunch and breakfast (for the next day) to take home.
- Effective February 22, curbside grab-and-go meal service will be 11:00am - 11:30am.
- **All students must leave campus at 10:45.** Both fields will be closed and there will be no on-campus after school programs.
- Additional virtual learning activities will be scheduled for students to complete at home in the afternoon and on their off-campus, virtual learning days.
- **School issued laptops/iPads must remain at home for virtual learning use.** Students should not bring their devices to school.

Start dates will vary by grade level. Assuming Hawai'i Island remains in the CDC "Yellow" risk category, the phased return to campus for blended learning students will proceed as follows:

Week 1	February 22 - 26	Kindergarten & Grade 5
Week 2	March 1 - 5	Kindergarten & Grade 5
Week 3	March 8 - 12	Grade 1 & Grade 3
Week 4	SPRING BREAK March 15-19	NO SCHOOL
Week 5	March 22 - 26	Grade 2 & Grade 4

In summary, by Week 5, all blended learning students will be back on campus on a AA/BB rotation.

As a reminder, our 100% distance learning (Acellus) students will continue to learn at home for the rest of the school year.

Please contact me via email at nancy.matsukawa@k12.hi.us or phone at (808) 313-7900 should you have any questions.

Stay safe and be well,

Nancy Matsukawa

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