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Aloha Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of this communication is to inform you of Kamaile Academy's return to campus plans for the second semester. This plan should be considered tentative and dependent upon COVID positivity rate/case counts within our community. Should there be a significant increase, then our school may need to delay or change our plans. We will continue to communicate with our 'ohana if there are any updates.

Parent input was important. Kamaile Academy had a nearly 90% return rate on our parent survey regarding the selection of preferred learning locations for the second semester. The data indicated that approximately 50% of students are wanting to continue with distance learning, while the other 50% would prefer blended learning which includes face-to-face options on campus. Kamaile is committed to **maintaining safety** for all students and staff while also **providing high-quality** learning experiences regardless of where students are learning.

The school is planning to begin phasing more students back to campus starting January 11th. We have made our return to campus decisions to honor requests as identified on the 'ohana surveys and provide equity for all students. Our approach to returning students to campus allows us to expand on the current safety protocols and practices that are in place.

Phase 1: January 5th: Students will continue to learn in their current learning locations. There will be no change for most students as we begin in quarter 3. Most students will continue with distance learning.

- 80 total students on campus, all other students will continue distance learning to start the semester.
 - blended (face-to-face learning) opportunities for students that have **unique individual learning needs**
 - blended (face-to-face learning) opportunities for students that are currently attending the learning lab.

*****Phase 2: January 11th: All students whose families have requested face-to-face will return to campus two days per week. The remaining students will continue with distance learning.**

- A total of approximately 440 students will be returning to campus
 - Monday and Tuesday (approximately 220 students on campus)
 - Wednesday and Thursday (approximately 220 students on campus)
 - Some students will be on campus for more than 2 days on a case-by-case basis to address unique individual learning needs

*** Please note that should the COVID positivity rate/case counts significantly increase in the community, then the school may need to delay the start of phase 2 and extend phase 1 where most students are continuing distance learning.

Families that have selected blended learning options will be receiving an email from the school by December 18th. The email will provide you with more information about returning to campus and if your student(s) will be on campus on Monday/Tuesday or on Wednesday/Thursday as phase 2 begins. Please contact the office if you have questions about whether your child will participate in on-campus learning next semester.

Our community can be proud that in recent weeks the Wai‘anae positivity rate and the number of active cases have dropped significantly. Let’s continue to all do our part through the Holiday Season to keep one another safe.

Please reach out to your student’s teacher or email info@kamaile.org should you have any questions. Stay safe and Happy Holidays.

Mahalo for your continued support.



Paul Kepka

Principal