



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

September 10, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) is working closely with state and county agencies statewide to monitor Hurricane Olivia. The initial effects of the storm are expected to reach the islands by early Tuesday morning. As a precaution, all afterschool activities for Hawaii Island and Maui County will be canceled starting tomorrow, Sept. 11. Hana High and Elementary will be closed tomorrow as well.

As the situation evolves, HIDOE will continue to provide updates about afterschool activity cancellations and school closures.

Updates on school closures will be posted on HIDOE's website, www.hawaiipublicschools.org, and on social media - Twitter and Facebook, @HIDOE808. Please ensure that your child's school has the most up-to-date contact information for your household. A mass message will be sent to all families via our Synervoice telephone system announcing if school will be closed.

Families are encouraged to have an emergency plan in place and prepare ahead of the storm's anticipated impacts. The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) recommends individuals and families prepare an "emergency kit" with a minimum of 14 days' worth of food, water and other supplies. For other tips and for more information, please visit <http://dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/>.

The public can follow the progress of the storm on the Central Pacific Hurricane Center's website here: <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/cphc>.

As with any emergency-type situation, we are striving to balance the need for safety with our overall commitment to provide students and families with every sense of normalcy. Thank you for your support as we work together to ensure the safety of our students, staff and school communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christina M. Kishimoto".

Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto
Superintendent

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