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May 26, 2020

ACTION REQUIRED

TO: Assistant Superintendents
Complex Area Superintendents
Principals

FROM: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto
Superintendent

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SUBJECT: **Resolution of the Board of Education Regarding 2020 Summer School Programs - Adopted May 21, 2020**

Background and Summary of the Adopted Resolution:

At its May 21, 2020 General Business Meeting, the Board of Education (Board) adopted a Board Resolution that directs the Department of Education (Department) to offer summer school in a way that supports students disproportionately impacted by school closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure clear coordination between each level of the tri-level system, and to communicate timely and effectively with the public.

Disproportionately impacted students include students receiving special education services with Extended School Year services in their Individualized Education Plan, juniors and seniors that need credit recovery, students in transition grades that would substantially benefit from summer school to ensure readiness for entry into middle or high school, and students who would substantially benefit from summer school to fulfill grade level requirements and move on to the next grade.

The Board's resolution provides "big picture" guidance of what the Board expects to see regarding summer school this year. In its resolution, the Board instructs the Department to address and provide:

- a free or low cost summer school to all disproportionately impacted students;
- an appropriate device and/or an adequate internet connection to allow the student to participate in distance learning;
- a space on-campus and adequate staffing to provide student access to devices and/or internet connection to allow students to participate in distance learning, provided that schools offering on-campus summer school have sufficient resources, personnel, and training to ensure a clean and safe learning environment, including, but not limited to, appropriate cleaning and disinfecting supplies and personal protective equipment; and
- an offering of limited on-campus summer school for students who are not served adequately by distance learning options.

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Further, the Board directs the State and Complex Area Levels to clearly communicate to the School Level about resources, services, and coordination between each level of the tri-level system. It also instructs the State Level to collect, aggregate, and analyze data from the School and Complex Area Levels and to provide this data to the Board, and education stakeholders and the public, as appropriate.

The Board charges the Department with making every effort to contact and communicate with disproportionately impacted students and their parents and guardians to ensure that they understand how their child can benefit from summer school. It also requires the Department to communicate timely and work collaboratively with government entities, businesses, community organizations, and individuals interested in supporting summer school.

Lastly, the Board requires the Superintendent to provide a comprehensive summer school plan by June 1, 2020, and to provide weekly, detailed reports, including data, to the Board on the implementation of summer school.

Purpose of this Memorandum:

It is my expectation that all Department leaders will promptly read the attached [resolution](#) and ensure tri-level adherence to and execution of applicable portions. State and Complex Area Level leaders shall make every effort to clearly communicate to the School Level how summer school resources and services will work and be coordinated between each level of the tri-level system. In addition, the State and Complex Area Level will listen to and address issues and concerns raised by the School Level in a timely manner, and to the extent possible ensure that schools have sufficient resources and personnel to run summer school.

Your immediate attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Design at ocidhelp@k12.hi.us. Mahalo for your dedicated and committed service to your students, parents, and communities.

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Attachment

c: Deputy Superintendent
Office of Curriculum and Instructional Design