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**ATTENTION REQUESTED**

TO: Complex Area Superintendents, Principals, Complex Area School Renewal Specialists, Curriculum Coordinators, Counselors, Registrars, Teachers

FROM: Alisa Bender  
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SUBJECT: **Return to Learn - Learning Design Resource Website and Opening of School Year 2020-2021**

As schools reopen for the school year (SY) 2020-2021, the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Design (OCID) would like to introduce the Learning Design Resource (LDR) website, <https://learningdesign.hawaiipublicschools.org>. The LDR website houses curriculum resources that will assist with planning and decision making for acceleration and distance learning instruction with the changing learning environments from COVID-19.

The LDR website includes the following sections:

- *Distance Learning Readiness Plan*;
- updated *Continuity of Learning* section, which includes guidance and instructional resources for distance learning; and
- *Return to Learn: Teaching and Learning*, which includes instructional resources for acceleration and assessing for learning for opening SY 2020-2021.

The LDR website offers valuable information about learning design principles, standards-based content, instruction and assessment, and school design. This educational resource is managed and curated by OCID with feedback from teachers, principals and complex area specialists. Educators may find additional valuable resources by accessing the HIDOE Intranet Portal within the LDR to support planning, instruction and guidance for developing complex area distance learning plans.

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The LDR is also a resource to the public, parents and caregivers, who will find tips and tools to help navigate and support continuous learning for students, including resources to supplement distance learning provided by schools.

Updates for this website, will be made periodically to reflect any changes or additions to current guidance for this school year.

Should you have any questions, please contact Esther Tokihiro, Administrator for the Learning Support Team, at (808) 305-9702 or via email at [esther.tokihiro@k12.hi.us](mailto:esther.tokihiro@k12.hi.us).

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