



STATE OF HAWAII
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

**ATTENTION
REQUIRED**

October 6, 2020

TO: Complex Area Superintendents, Principals, Teachers, and Educational Assistants

FROM: *for* Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto *Phyllis Urbadam*
Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Learning Hubs Established to Support Distance Learning During COVID-19**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, learning hubs have been established at schools to provide accessible and equitable educational opportunities for all students to support distance learning. A learning hub is a physical location on a school campus for students who lack access to connectivity at home, lack a conducive learning environment at home, or prefer to access their distance learning lessons at the school campus location.

Learning hubs are a supervised setting. Select school staff, including Paraprofessional Educators, Paraprofessional Tutors, Part-Time Teachers, and Educational Assistants may supervise students and perform their essential duties and functions in these hubs. Within a learning hub, supervision includes monitoring for proper behavior to ensure safety for all, assisting students with connectivity issues, and supporting students as they navigate a lesson. The learning hubs are not venues for direct in-person instruction or venues for one-to-one or group support that should be provided under the direct supervision of a teacher either in a classroom setting or virtually. Further, Educational Assistants shall continue to provide direct instructional support to teachers and students across the state in distance learning and in-person models, as needed.

Should you have any questions regarding the learning hub activities at a particular school, contact the school principal for information. For other inquiries, please contact Assistant Superintendent Heidi Armstrong, Office of Student Support Services, at (808) 305-9750 or email Heidi.Armstrong@k12.hi.us.

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