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April 7, 2020

TO: Complex Area Superintendents
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Public Charter School Directors
Teachers (All)
Counselors (All)
Registrars (All)
Special Education Department Heads
Student Services Coordinators
Testing Coordinators (All)

FROM: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto
Superintendent

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SUBJECT: **Hawaii State Department of Education Guidance for Long-Term School Closures: Graduation, Promotion and Grading**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and based on guidance from local, state and national officials, the Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) closed its school facilities to students until at least April 30. In place of traditional in-person instruction, teachers are utilizing an instructional enrichment approach that will continue to engage students in a modified approach to learning until school buildings reopen.

To ensure consistency with the aforementioned efforts among Hawaii's public and charter schools, and to standardize modifications in graduation and transitions, educational programming, and services, the Department is issuing its *HIDOE Guidance for Long-Term School Closures, Graduation, Promotion and Grading*.

As the situation evolves, the HIDOE anticipates a need to revise the guidance. Therefore, it will be available in an e-version format where the updates will be posted in real-time. The document can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/HIDOEGuidance>. A pdf attachment of the April 7, 2020 version is attached to this memorandum.

Should you have any questions about curriculum, instruction, and professional support, contact OCID at ocidhelp@k12.hi.us or call (808) 305-9763. Questions about special populations support and guidance during the closure, contact the OSSS at (808) 305-9750.

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Attachment

c: Deputy Superintendent
Assistant Superintendents