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TO: Complex Area Superintendents, Principals (All), Public Charter School Directors (All), and District Educational Specialists

FROM: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto
Superintendent

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SUBJECT: Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) Resources for Students with Disabilities

The purpose of this memorandum is to assist schools in providing families with resources and information regarding services for a child with a disability during the reopening phase for school year (SY) 2020-21. A hard copy of these resources titled, *Reopening of the School Year Packet for Parents of Students with Disabilities* must be offered to the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) at their child's first Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting for SY 2020-21.

For parent(s)/legal guardian(s) who prefer digital versions, a [one-pager](#) with links to resources can be provided to the parent(s)/legal guardian(s). If the IEP meeting was held prior to the date of this memo, resources must be provided to the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) as soon as possible. The [Reopening of the School Year Packet for Parents of Students with Disabilities](#) includes the following resources:

- 7 Definitions for Learning During a Pandemic in Hawaii
 - Reopening Requirements for Students with Disabilities
 - A Checklist for a Total Distance Learning Plan
 - School Closure Contingency Plan Checklist
 - Addressing the Impact of COVID-19 on Students with Disabilities
 - Online Synchronous Instruction vs Online Asynchronous Instruction
 - Parent Tips for Virtual IEPs
 - Using Technology to Deliver Related Services

Additional Information

Schools should remind parent(s)/legal guardian(s) if they have questions or concerns, they should reach out to their child's teacher and/or principal. Supports are also available to parent(s)/legal

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guardian(s) through our community partners such as the Leadership in Disabilities and Achievement of Hawaii and the Special Parent Information Network. Information can be found at their websites:

- ✓ <https://ldahawaii.org/>
- ✓ <https://spinhawaii.org/infographics/school-reopening-infographics/>

The resources in this memorandum are based on the information currently available to the HIDOE and are subject to change as new information is provided.

If you have any questions, please contact your Special Education District Educational Specialist or the Exceptional Support Branch at (808) 305-9806.

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Attachment: Reopening of the School Year Packet for Parents, September 17, 2020

c: Deputy Superintendent
Assistant Superintendents
State Public Charter School Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission
Monitoring and Compliance Branch
Office of Student Support Services