

## IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE INFORMATION – August 7, 2020

On August 7, Governor Ige made an announcement through Hawaii DOE Superintendent Kishimoto that “*the first four weeks of school, public schools on Oahu will have to completely distance learn.*” The designated start date for DOE schools is August 17 which is inclusive of laptop pickup and online learning directions given to students. Oahu DOE schools will spend the first 4 days for technology prep and laptop distribution.

This distance learning directive will continue through September 11 after which a determination to move toward blended learning will occur. It appears that the state leadership is confident that their 3 phase plan will be appropriate and successful.

Myron B. Thompson Academy, a state public school which is not part of the HDOE, began the school year with tech training, course navigation orientation in middle school grades, elementary teacher-parent-student interactive sessions and providing instructional modules in preparation for the modified school year. In addition, the elementary division has begun skills assessments virtually and will be offering F2F accommodations for those who prefer such a session of acclimation with the MBTA teacher from August 17 to 20. (similar to the proposed DOE Phase 1 dates for F2F opportunities)

**All MBTA F2F classes will be replaced by virtual classes during the period designated as Phase 2 of the state plan. Phase 2 will continue until Sept. 11. Thereafter, unless directed by the Governor again, MBTA will return to our regular blended learning model.**

MBTA faculty and staff will report physically to work and provide instruction through distance learning from their respective classrooms and offices. If you have additional questions, please email Principal Diana Oshiro at [msoshiro@ethompson.org](mailto:msoshiro@ethompson.org). Thank you in advance for your understanding, flexibility and support during these challenging times.