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Aloha Parents,

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We would like to first thank you all for your tremendous support, flexibility, and patience during these difficult times. Quarter One was full of challenges as students, parents, and staff members adjusted to new routines, schedules, and technologies.

We are happy to inform you that plans are underway for Grade 6 transition to In-person Blended Learning. Kaiser Complex Area Superintendent Dr. Mahoe announced the anticipation of the Kaiser Complex Quarter 2 transition to blended learning in her letter dated 9/28/20. The parameters, which include the present impact level metrics in our school vicinity, returning to school guidance from the Center for Disease Control, the Hawaii Department of Health, the City and County of Honolulu, and the Hawaii Department of Education, places Niu Valley Middle School in a position to begin planning the process to bring our students back on campus.

The current bell schedule with a focus on synchronous distance learning will continue for all students, however Grade 6 students will have the opportunity for in-person learning and support on their track days based on the first letter of their last name. See the draft schedule below.

We are asking for your continued support as we return to in-person learning for grade 6. Your attention in addressing the health and safety of your child and our school community is critical for a smooth and safe experience. Every morning all parents, students, staff, contracted service providers, and visitors must complete a wellness check each morning before coming to school and/or visiting the office.

DAILY WELLNESS CHECK AT HOME

STEP 1: Check for Symptoms of Illness

If you/your child has any symptoms of illness - do not go to the school/office. Check for the following:

- Fever (a temperature of 100°F or higher)
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue (tiredness, weakness)
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting (stomach ache)
- Diarrhea

STEP 2: Check for Recent COVID-19 Exposure

If you/your child are in quarantine, live in the same household or have had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) with someone with COVID-19, or are waiting for COVID-19 test results - do not go to the school until quarantine is completed or you are cleared by a healthcare provider.

School Health and Safety Guidelines

- Keep your child home if you suspect your child is ill.
- Ensure your child arrives at school wearing a clean face covering daily and ideally has an extra one on hand.
- Follow school policies on drop off and pick up and recognize that parent/legal guardian access to the building will be strictly limited.
- Remind your child to follow the school's safety guidelines
 - Maintain social distancing (6 feet)
 - Follow movement directional signs
 - Wash hands and use hand sanitizers frequently
- Be sure the school has updated health and contact information in the event that your child needs to be sent home.
- If anyone in the student's household has tested positive for COVID-19, you must keep your child at home and adhere to the state of Hawaii quarantine orders. Notify the school and continue distance learning.
- Limit school visits (business only)
- Report to the front office window, wear a face mask, and adhere to 6' social distancing guidelines when on campus

A school messenger text message and email blast will be sent out to notify Grade 6 parents two-weeks prior to the start of our transition to blended learning plan. We are currently anticipating a mid-November Grade 6 transition back on campus. As circumstances improve, we would like to invite other grade levels onto campus possibly in January.

Grade 6 students who have submitted the Distance Learning Opt-In form at the beginning of the school year for the first semester will have the option to return to blended learning. Please contact the grade 6 vice principal or counselor.

Sincerely,



Laura Ahn, Principal

Niu Valley Middle School
TENTATIVE Weekly Bell Schedule
 (note: Schedule will be adjusted due to holidays)

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
Synchronous DL	Track 1 (last name A-H) In-person Track 2 + 3 Synchronous DL	Track 2 (last name I-N) In-person Track 1 + 3 Synchronous DL	Track 3 (last name O-Z) In-person Track 1 + 2 Synchronous DL	Synchronous DL
Period 1 8:00-8:45 (45m)	Period 1 or Period 4 8:00 - 9:30 (90m)	Period 1 or Period 4 8:00 - 9:30 (90m)	Period 1 or Period 4 8:00 - 9:30 (90m)	Period 1 or Period 4 8:00 - 9:30 (90m)
Period 2 8:50 - 9:35 (45m)				
Recess 9:35 - 9:50 (15m)	Recess 9:30 - 9:45 (15m)	Recess 9:30 - 9:45 (15m)	Recess 9:30 - 9:45 (15m)	Recess 9:30 - 9:45 (15m)
Period 3 9:55 - 10:40 (45m)	Period 2 or Period 5 9:50 - 11:20 (90m)	Period 2 or Period 5 9:50 - 11:20 (90m)	Period 2 or Period 5 9:50 - 11:20 (90m)	Period 2 or Period 5 9:50 - 11:20 (90m)
Period 4 10:45 - 11:30 (45)				
Lunch 11:35 - 12:05	Lunch 11:20 - 11:55	Lunch 11:20 - 11:55	Lunch 11:20 - 11:55	Lunch 11:20 - 11:55
Period 5 12:10 - 12:55 (45)	Advisory 12:00 - 12:30	Advisory 12:00 - 12:30	Advisory 12:00 - 12:30	Advisory 12:00 - 12:30
Period 6 1:00 - 1:45 (45m)	Period 3 or Period 6 12:35 - 2:05 (90m)	Period 3 or Period 6 12:35 - 2:05 (90m)	Period 3 or Period 6 12:35 - 2:05 (90m)	Period 3 or Period 6 12:35 - 2:05 (90m)