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Message from the Principal

Myron B. Thompson Academy has begun to prepare for the opening of school year 2020-2021 amid the covid-19 pandemic. We acknowledge the Hawaii Board of Education's resolution to "urge school communities to give hope, act with kindness, and work toward togetherness..." as we implement appropriate measures to mitigate health risks to a reasonable extent while delivering effective instruction to all MBTA students. Ensuring the health and safety of students and staff is the most important concern for our school; therefore, the following guidelines have been established.

- School year 2020-2021 will officially welcome teachers back on July 29, 2020. *Standard operating procedures for all staff will be shared via internal communication prior to the first day of work. **First day for students will be August 4, 2020.***
- All MBTA offices (main, tech, elementary) will not be open for walk-in traffic. Parents and community members must make an appointment via phone or email (with confirmation by MBTA) at least 24 hours prior to visit.
- All visitors individuals with scheduled MBTA hosted meetings, and students (with appointments) will be asked to 1-wear a mask; 2-hand sanitize with available receptacles in the office/classrooms; and 3-have temperature checked by designated school personnel.
- Any individual with a recorded temperature above 100.4 will be asked to leave.
- Daily mail will be received by the YWCA staff in the main lobby and retrieved midday by MBTA staff. FedEx and armored car delivery will continue; however, office staff will exchange deposit bags outside of Suite 220, the school's front office door.

Course instruction and schedules will return to those of past school years. There will, however, be greater attention given to following health and safety practices (e.g. wearing of masks, hand sanitizing, temperature checks) and social distancing through smaller enrollment classes and adherence to CDC guidelines regarding spatial requirements (appropriate distance between desks). In addition, classroom furniture will be cleaned and sanitized prior to and after instruction each day.

We face challenges to strengthen our community and economic recovery, rebuild a more resilient culture of care and collaboration among our school community members while teaching our students. Let us all remember that we must live life fearlessly, with great resolve, deep compassion for others as we develop a disciplined mind. For further information, please email Principal Diana Oshiro at msoshiro@ethompson.org

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