



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LINAPUNI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Dear parents and guardians,

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this quickly developing pandemic situation. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued COVID-19 guidance about limiting public events and group gatherings. As a result, the Hawaii State Department of Education will be canceling Department-coordinated events that meet these criteria until updated guidance is provided by health officials.

This means that the following Linapuni events are canceled:

- SCC Board Meeting on March 23, 2020
- Tuesday Club Meetings (until further notice)
- UH Health Fair on March 28, 2020
- Quarter 3 Assembly on March 30, 2020
- Kindergarten & Pre-K Field Trip on March 31, 2020
- Grade 1 Field Trip on April 2 & 6, 2020
- Field Trip money collected will be refunded by your child's teacher.

We understand the disappointment and frustration this causes our students and families; however, the health of our school community and the broader public must remain a priority during this difficult time.


While this raises the question of whether or not school should be canceled, the decision to cancel non-essential events is much different than a decision to close schools altogether. In addition to being a space for learning, our schools serve as community hubs and places where our most vulnerable children receive access to such services as health care, counseling, and free and reduced-price meals.

We are also cognizant of the fact that our families make up the majority of Hawaii's workforce and that school closures would have an immense impact on the state.

This situation has impacted people around the world and now is the time to come together to support one another. The decisions being made at all levels are done with the well-being of Hawaii's residents in mind.

For more information and updates on HIDOE's COVID-19 response, please visit <http://bit.ly/COVID19HI>.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Sunahara, Principal