



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
P.O. BOX 2360
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

July 31, 2020

Re: Extended School Year Services for Students with Disabilities

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

Due to the two-week delay in opening the 2020-2021 school year, I am writing this letter to provide clarification regarding children with disabilities who receive extended school year (ESY) services.

ESY services are defined as special education and related services that are provided to a student with a disability beyond the normal school year. These services are provided only if an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team determined on an individual basis these services are necessary for the provision of a Free Appropriate Public Education to the student.

From August 4, 2020 to August 14, 2020, the Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) personnel will be attending mandatory professional development and training to ensure a safe reopening of schools. ESY services will not be available to your child during this period. Please know the HIDOE intends to make up all missed services, as indicated in your child's IEP. To address this issue, your child's school will contact you to collaboratively determine when and where missed services will be provided.

Please be assured the HIDOE is committed to supporting all students so that they can be successful in their learning experiences. Should you have any further questions, please contact your child's school administrator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "CK", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto
Superintendent

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