

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

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

August 4, 2020

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

During these uncertain and challenging times, the health and safety of all of our students remain a top priority. We care about your child and we know that there are numerous social pressures and misinformation about the devastating impact of tobacco and e-cigarette products. We want to work with you as parent(s)/legal guardian(s) to keep children away from these products. Please talk to your child about making healthy choices and about what the law states for their own protection. According to Act 206 (2018), Section 712-1258, Hawaii Revised Statutes, it is unlawful for any student under the age of 21 to purchase or possess any tobacco product or electronic smoking device (ESD). An ESD is defined as any electronic product that can be used to aerosolize and deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, or electronic pipe, and any cartridge or other component of the device or related product.

In addition, any tobacco product or ESD found in a student's possession is a violation of Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 19, shall be seized by school administration, and forfeited to law enforcement. This is pursuant of Act 206 (HB 1895, HD1, SD1, CD1), Part II, Section 8(5) effective July 1, 2018.

Should you have further questions, talk to your school administration. At the state office, please contact, Ms. Sheli Suzuki, Educational Specialist, Student Support Section, at (808) 305-9787 or via email, at sheli.suzuki@k12.hi.us.

Sincerely,

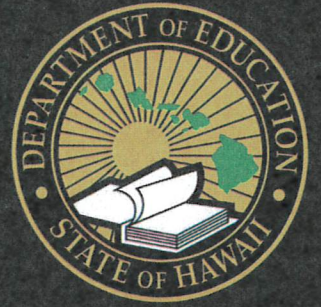
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Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto
Superintendent

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