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## Message from the Principal

On Thursday July 30, 2020, the Hawaii Board of Education voted to delay the reopening of public schools by two weeks—until August 17. MBTA, however, is governed by its own Governing Board which has approved our plan to begin instruction on Tuesday August 4, 2020. Because we are a blended learning school with a well defined plan to deliver instruction and instructional support in a virtual environment, school can proceed.

There are MBTA students and parents in all grades who desire to attend face-to-face classes beginning in the month of August. There are also students and parents who have expressed their desire to begin the school year in a virtual environment and slowly transition into the new normal face-to-face classes that have established health and safety protocols in place. Therefore, the following is being shared with you as we approach the first day of school. Please note that the secondary and elementary divisions operate differently and will require your attention to those details.

1. Secondary (grades 7-12) courses that require face to face labs or lectures on campus will continue as scheduled. (see your respective course/teacher announcements) Students with pre-approved documentation by their PFP (personal family physician) recommending instruction through virtual delivery will be allowed to do so.
2. Elementary students (K-6) will refer to the scheduled class offerings posted in their respective grade level portals.

MBTA staff will continue to work on campus in their respective rooms and offices while following required health and safety protocols established in our school plan. I am confident that our plans to educate our students will not be significantly impacted by these temporary changes to our instructional model and environment.

Please be confident in our collective ability to weather this storm . We thank you in advance and covet your participation and support.

For further information, please email Principal Diana Oshiro at [msoshiro@ethompson.org](mailto:msoshiro@ethompson.org)

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