August 24, 2023

TO: The Honorable Warren Haruki
Chairperson, Board of Education

FROM: Keith T. Hayashi
Superintendent

SUBJECT: Report of the Superintendent: Maui Wildfire Impacts

BACKGROUND

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) continues to navigate the significant impacts of the West Maui (Lahaina) wildfires which affected West Maui communities and schools in the Lahainaluna complex: King Kamehameha III Elementary School, Princess Nahienaena Elementary School, Lahaina Intermediate School and Lahainaluna High School.

UPDATE

The attached presentation provides an overview of the impacts, the Department’s response, and supports that are available for students and staff.

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HAWAIʻI STATE
Department of Education

Report of the Superintendent
Agenda Item III: Maui Wildfire Impacts

Hawaiʻi State Board of Education
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Keith T. Hayashi,
Superintendent
West Maui Schools

Princess Nāhiʻenaʻena Elementary
Lāhaināluna High
Lāhainā Intermediate

King Kamehameha III Elementary

100-0% Vegetation loss due to wildfire

Sources: NASA JPL-Caltech ARIA Team, NASA, NASA Disasters Program and Google Maps
West Maui Schools: Lāhaināluna Complex
Complex Boundary Lines

King Kamehameha III Elementary

Lāhainā Intermediate and Lāhaināluna High

Princess Nāhiʻenaʻena Elementary
### West Maui Schools: Lāhaināluna Complex

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<th>King Kamehameha III Elementary</th>
<th>Princess Nāhiʻenaʻena Elementary</th>
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<td><strong>Enrollment</strong>*</td>
<td>624</td>
<td>707</td>
<td>658</td>
<td>1,012</td>
<td>3,001</td>
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<td><strong>Staff</strong></td>
<td>68</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>107</td>
<td>327</td>
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<td><strong>Status</strong></td>
<td>Closed due to major structural damage. Awaiting official clearance.</td>
<td>Closed for water safety and environmental quality; awaiting official clearance.</td>
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*As of 8/9/2023

**Staff have been on paid administrative leave since Aug. 8, 2023.
Facility Damage
King Kamehameha III Elementary
Facility Damage
Wind damage and debris
# HIDOE Actions

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<td>Aug. 14 and 15 visits to impacted areas. Superintendent and other Department leaders met with parents, teachers, administrators and community members.</td>
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<td>Community liaisons are meeting with families in shelters and community gathering sites to provide support for students.</td>
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<td>Executive Team meets daily with Complex Area Superintendent and meetings with principals regarding crisis situations for impacted district and identifying needs.</td>
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<td>Executive Team and Complex Area Superintendents meet daily with Federal, State and County Agencies and the Governor.</td>
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<td>Superintendent met with U.S. Secretary of Education. Department team meets weekly with U.S. Department of Education Disaster Response team.</td>
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<td>Ongoing communication with State and Federal elected officials.</td>
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<td>Leveraging partnerships with community organizations and donors. Monetary donations for schools may be directed to the Public Schools of Hawai‘i Foundation: <a href="https://pshf.org/donations-page/">https://pshf.org/donations-page/</a></td>
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Addressing Needs

Immediate Needs

- **Caring for our people/health and welfare of affected school communities**
  - School Community Liaisons meeting with affected families to provide information, resources and support
  - Providing mental health support information for students and employees

- **Communicating with stakeholders**
  - Principals are sending text messages and accounting for staff
  - Department sending information via emails to employees and via media through news releases and social media for public
  - Schools’ phones going to voicemail and messages being responded to

- **Supporting affected students**
  - Established an expedited enrollment process at another school
  - Offering distance learning - English medium and Kaiapuni Hawaiian language immersion - for eligible students who elect for distance learning

- **Assessing and repairing facilities**
  - Completed facilities assessment
  - Cleared debris, hired professional cleaners, making repairs on campuses
Addressing Needs

Short Term Needs

- **Caring for our people/health and welfare of affected school communities**
  - Providing mental health support information for students and staff
  - Installing monitors for air quality
- **Communicating with stakeholders**
  - Established Maui Support Hotline
  - Checking in on students enrolled in Lāhaināluna Complex schools
- **Supporting affected students**
  - Providing in-person, telehealth and virtual options for counseling
  - Providing Psychological First Aid for Maui schools’ staff (also for students who have relocated)
- **Starting to prepare staff to reopen schools**
  - Psychological First Aid for all staff
  - Staff convenings
## Enrollment and Movement for Lāhaināluna Complex Schools
### Data as of August 21, 2023

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<th>Aug. 8 enrollment in Lāhaināluna Complex (pre-fire)</th>
<th>Students who have re-enrolled in other public schools</th>
<th>Students who have enrolled in the State Distance Learning Program (SDLP), English and Hawaiian language immersion</th>
<th>Remainder of students who have not re-enrolled in another public school or opted for distance learning (may have moved out of state, enrolled in private schools)</th>
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<td>Students from Lāhaināluna Complex (King Kamehameha III, Princess Nāhi'ena'ena, Lāhainā Intermediate, Lāhaināluna High)</td>
<td>3,001</td>
<td>538</td>
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Addressing Needs

Short Term Needs

- Preparing facilities: Princess Nāhiʻenaʻena Elementary, Lāhainā Intermediate & Lāhaināluna High
  - Environmental testing
  - Health and safety clearance by county, state and/or federal officials
  - Working on internet connectivity
- Temporary Relocation
  - Evaluating options for temporary relocation of King Kamehameha III Elementary
  - Alternate locations if environmental testing delays reopening longer
Addressing Needs

Medium and Long Term Needs

- Health and safety during Lāhainā debris removal
- Long term mental health support for staff and students
- Accelerating learning for affected students
- Future site for King Kamehameha III Elementary School
- Opportunities for students and staff to return to Lāhaināluna Complex schools
- Continued communication and planning with school communities
Mental Health Support Systems in Place

**HIDOE Staff**

Lahaina Comprehensive Health Center
Akoalani P (Just below the Lahaina Civic Center)
Daily from 8 am - 5 pm.
(808) 984-2350

Maui Family Guidance Center
Wailuku Office
Monday – Friday, 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Please call ahead at (808) 243-1232*

*If you happen to get a voicemail, please leave a msg.

**HIDOE Students**

**COUNSELING SERVICES**

FOR HAWAI’I STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF

In-person, by phone, and help-line services are available for staff who are seeking emotional and mental health support to process any distress caused by the Maui Wildfires.

**IN-PERSON**

Lahaina Comprehensive Health Center
Akoalani P (Just below the Lahaina Civic Center)
Daily from 8 am - 5 pm.
(808) 984-2350

*Subject to change. Additional in-person service options will be announced as identified. (Rev. 8.19.23)

**BY PHONE**

HMSA partner Carelon Behavioral Health provides free counseling services 24/7 by calling 1-800-580-6934. HMSA membership is not required.

**FOR CRISIS SUPPORT**

Call or Text Hawai’i CARES at 988
For emergencies call 911

**Additional Supports:**

- As of August 16, Central Maui schools reported adequate support for students who are on campus. O‘ahu schools are prepared to send staff as requested.

- 917 Maui school personnel attended Psychological First Aid (PFA) training. **PFA is an evidence-informed modular approach to help children and families in the immediate aftermath of a disaster.**
West Maui School Resources

bit.ly/HIDOE-West-Maui-Resources

Data as of August 22, 2023

Hotline for Lāhainā families and staff