




STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
KA 'OIHANA HO'ONA'AUAO
P.O. BOX 2360
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

September 21, 2023

TO: The Honorable Warren Haruki
Chairperson, Board of Education

FROM: Keith T. Hayashi
Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Report of the Superintendent
A. Maui Wildfire Impacts
B. Official Enrollment, 2023-24

1. BACKGROUND

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

2. UPDATE

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

KTH:ct
Attachment



HAWAI'I STATE

Department of Education

Agenda Item III:

Report of the Superintendent Maui Wildfire Impacts

Hawai'i State Board of Education
General Business Meeting
September 21, 2023

Keith T. Hayashi,
Superintendent



SECTION

01

Supporting staff and students



Supporting staff and students

Employees

- Mental health support: In-person and tele-health options, Extended Employee Assistance Program support, planning for school-based supports when campuses reopen
- In-person and online training to support students
- Continuous employment
 - As of Sept. 14, all staff have reported to temporary assignments or received assistance with other arrangements.
 - Following the solicitation of employee personnel preferences, consideration of individual circumstances, staff received assignments Sept. 8-14
 - Coordination with union partners

Students

- Mental health support: In-person and tele-health options
- School-based supports
- Community liaisons provide ongoing outreach to families in shelters, Family Assistance Centers and community gathering spots
- Dedicated phone hotline and two-way texting support for impacted families



Enrollment for Lāhaināluna Complex Students As of Sept. 14, 2023

	Count
Students who pre-registered for Lāhainā schools	3,001
Transferred to another HIDOE school*	957
Applied for HI distance learning (any program, including hub)	958
Transferred to public charter school	150
Transferred to private school	117
Any other active contact with HIDOE	628
Active contact not yet achieved**	191

94%
Active contact
achieved

*Based on HIDOE student information system (official enrollment data)

**Includes families that HIDOE called and left a message that has not yet been returned.

Data sources: HIDOE student information system, reports from private schools, reports from charter schools, contacts by HIDOE community liaisons, community meeting participant list, school and teacher contacts.

Sources not yet fully incorporated: Lāhaināluna student attendance, participation in HIDOE learning hubs, calls to Maui Support Hotline.



SECTION

02

Students' safe return to Lāhainā schools



Lāhainā Complex School Reopening Plans

- Planning for temporary relocation of King Kamehameha III Elementary
 - Temporarily co-locate at Princess Nāhi'ena'ena (after fall break)
 - Temporary relocation in West Maui (planned)
- Launching learning hubs in West Maui
- If internet connection stable, state distance learning program in English medium or Kaiapuni Hawaiian language immersion available
- Monitoring and supporting Kaiapuni Lāhainā discussion about West Maui site for schools' programs



King Kamehameha
III Elementary



Princess
Nāhi'ena'ena
Elementary



Lāhainā
Intermediate



Lāhaināluna
High

Target return to Lāhainā schools for students: Oct. 16 (after fall break)



Lāhainā Complex School Reopening Preparations

Progress Reports



Air quality: Department of Health (DOH) monitors (maps.purpleair.com)



Water quality: County and HIDEOE teams



Soil quality: DOH and HIDEOE teams with contractor



Professional cleaning, repairs and debris removal



Facilities and grounds



Stable electricity



Consistent Internet sufficient for business operations and learning



Telephones





SECTION

03

Student options in advance of reopening

Bus Transportation

- **Sept. 7:** Bus/shuttle services to Kamali'i Elementary, Wailuku Elementary and Lokelani Intermediate students from:
 - Kapalua Airport (West Maui)
 - Whalers Village (West Maui)
- **Sept. 14:** Bus services for Lāhaināluna students to Kūlanihāko'i from:
 - Kapalua Airport (West Maui)
 - Whalers Village (West Maui)
 - War Memorial Gym (Central Maui)
- **Sept. 15:** Additional buses added to Kūlanihāko'i routes to accommodate increased registration.



Lāhaināluna students at Kūlanihāko'i High School



West Maui Learning Hubs

- **Kaiapuni Lāhainā (Honokahua)**
 - Sept. 11: Teachers started
 - Sept. 14: Students started
- **West Maui Distance Learning Hub (Citizen Church)**
 - Sept. 14: Faculty and staff started
 - Sept. 19: Students start
- **Provides in-person opportunities:**
 - Teacher support
 - Peer socialization
 - Meals
 - Social-emotional learning
 - Mental health support





Lāhaināluna High at Kūlanihāko‘i High

- Temporary “school within a school”
- Faculty and staff started on Sept. 11.
- Estimated 500 students reported for first day on Sept. 14.



Photos: Lāhaināluna at Kūlanihāko‘i High School



Photo credit: Aina Haina Elementary



Photo credit: Kealahou Elementary



Photo credit: 'Aikahi Elementary



#MAUISTRONG



Photo credit: Wheeler Middle



Photo credit: Kawānanakoa Middle



Photo credit: Waiākea High