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TO: The Honorable Warren Haruki
Chairperson, Board of Education

FROM: Keith T. Hayashi
Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Report of the Superintendent: (A) Maui Wildfires Impacts and (B) Awards and Recognitions for Students, Employees and/or Schools

UPDATE

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

The attached presentation provides information about Maui wildfire impacts and statewide and national recognitions awarded to the Department's schools, employees and partnerships.

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Attachment



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Agenda Item II:

Report of the Superintendent:

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Schools**

Hawai'i State Board of Education

General Business Meeting

October 19, 2023

Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent



SECTION

01

Maui Wildfires Impact



Lāhainā Complex School Reopening Plans

Lāhainā employees and students returned after Fall Break



	Staff reported to campus	Students reported to campus
Lāhaināluna High	Friday, Oct. 6	Mon., Oct. 16
Lāhainā Intermediate	Friday, Oct. 6	Tues., Oct. 17
Princess Nāhi'ena'ena Elem	Friday, Oct. 6	Wed., Oct. 18
King Kamehameha III Elem	Friday, Oct. 6	Wed., Oct. 18



Lāhainā Complex School Reopening Preparations

Progress Reports as of October 12, 2023

	Air quality: Results of monitors are reported online*	Dept of Health cleared as safe. 9/26/2023
	Water quality: Testing completed and results posted online*	
	Soil quality: Testing completed and results posted online*	
	Professionally cleaned indoor spaces	Completed.
	Facilities and grounds	
	Stable electricity	
	Consistent Internet sufficient for business operations and learning	
	Telephones	

*Source: <https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ConnectWithUs/MediaRoom/PressReleases/Pages/maui-schools-progress-updates.aspx>
Report updated as information becomes available



Lāhainā Complex School Reopening Preparations

Progress Reports as of October 12, 2023



Procedures for Health and Safety: Occupational Safety



Support for Students' Mental Health and Well-Being



Support for Employees' Mental Health and Well-Being



Procedures for Health and Safety: Revised Evacuation Procedures



King Kamehameha III Elementary

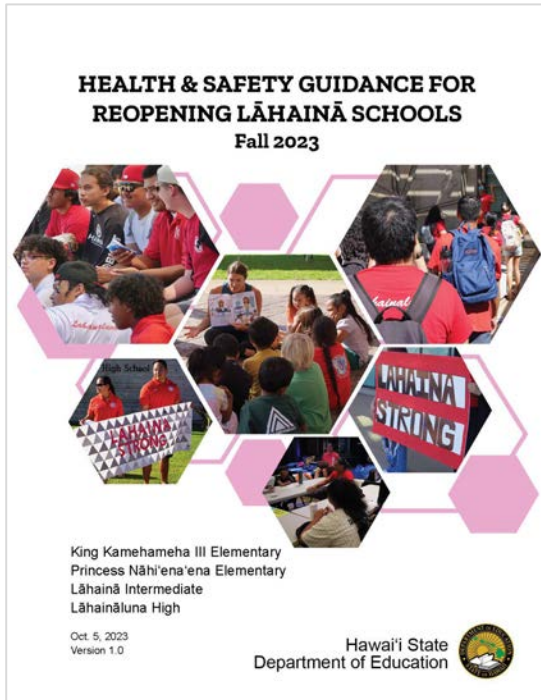


King Kamehameha III Elementary temporary structures at Princess Nahienaena Elementary. Oct. 10, 2023



Lāhainā Complex School Reopening Preparations

Updates on Health and Safety Guidelines



- Oct. 5: Posted and emailed to employees
- Oct. 6: Held briefings for school employees; sent parent communication
- Oct. 13: Added information on evacuation routes
 - Oct. 13: Hosted virtual Q&A for families on the reopening of Lāhainā school campuses



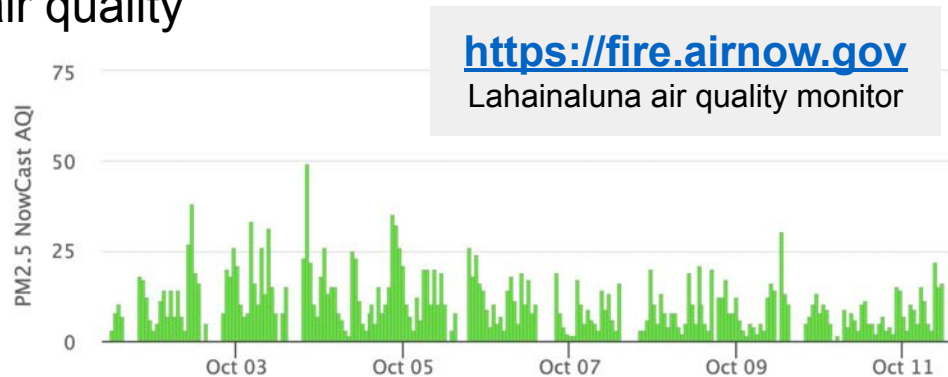
bit.ly/ReopeningSafetyGuidance
**Health & Safety Guidance for
Reopening Lāhainā Schools**



Lāhainā Complex School Reopening Preparations

Updates on Air Quality

- Airnow.gov readings updated each hour.
- 300+ indoor HEPA air filters deployed in classrooms and Corsi-Rosenthal fans deployed in large rooms (e.g., cafeterias, libraries, gyms)
- Publicly released guidelines and school operating procedures inform schools' response to changes in air quality
- DOE will continue to monitor the Dept of Health and Maui County's plans and timeline for debris removal



Latest PM2.5 NowCast AQI: 16 at 10/11/23 11am HST



Lāhainā Complex School Reopening Preparations

Updates on Evacuation Procedures

- Working with state Department of Transportation and Maui County Fire Department on evacuation routes and procedures.
- DOT prepared a secondary evacuation route from Lahainaluna High and preparing more routes



Secondary evacuation route prepared by the Department of Transportation.



Maui Disaster Response

Proposed U.S. Department of Education waiver

- Proposing a waiver
 - Of Title I school-level accountability requirements for 2023-24
 - For Maui schools impacted by Maui wildfires disaster
- Public comment period from October 19 - 30 on HIDOE website.



SECTION

02

Awards & Recognitions

For Students, Employees and/or
Schools



2024 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year



Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year ceremony



Finalists for 2024 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year

Jackie Freitas, Leilehua High School natural resources teacher

Teacher of Year video highlight: <https://vimeo.com/872007939>



2023 National Blue Ribbon Schools



Ka'ealepulu Elementary and Maunawili Elementary recognized as “Exemplary High-Performing Schools” among 353 school winners nationwide



American Academy of Nursing *Edge Runner* Designation for Hawai'i Keiki

- Nationally recognized as an “evidence-based, nurse-designed model that demonstrate significant financial, community and policy outcomes with proven sustainability and replicability”
- Approx. 160 health professionals - RNs, APRNs, dental hygienists, dentists and health technicals - served all public schools statewide in 2023
- Provides school nursing, telehealth, mental health services, dental services, mental health services, health hotline and vaccines for children
- Partnership with University of Hawai'i at Manoa School of Nursing since 2014



Hawaii Keiki nurse with a student at school-based clinic



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