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September 7, 2023

TO: The Honorable Warren Haruki
Chairperson, Board of Education

FROM: Keith T. Hayashi
Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Report of the Superintendent - Maui Wildfire Impacts

1. 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.

2. 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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Attachment



HAWAI'I STATE

Department of Education

Agenda Item III:

Report of the Superintendent **Maui Wildfire Impacts**

Hawai'i State Board of Education
Special Meeting
September 7, 2023

Keith T. Hayashi,
Superintendent



SECTION

01

Caring for our people:

Reconnecting with staff and
students



Caring for our people

Reconnecting with staff and students

- **Employees**

- Four days of Lāhainā staff convenings
 - Two days in coordination with **state offices**
 - Two days led by **school leaders**
 - Solicitation of employee personnel preferences, consideration of individual circumstances
 - Coordination with union partners
 - On-site support from Queen's Medical Center behavioral health specialists and FEMA

- **Students**

- **Community liaisons** have been connecting with families in shelters, Family Resource Centers and community gathering spots
- Families being called to check in on students



Staff and student support

Additional Supports:

- Crisis counseling and mental health supports for students and staff – in-person, by phone, telehealth, text line.
- Dr. Melissa Brymer and Dr. Marlene Wong, National Child Traumatic Stress Network, funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



Ongoing

HIDOE Staff

COUNSELING SERVICES
FOR HAWAII 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*
DAILY
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
LĀHAINA
Lāhainā Comprehensive Health Center
Akaka Pk. | Phone: (808)984-2150
*Subject to change. Additional in-person service options will be announced as identified.

BY PHONE
HMSA partner Carleton Behavioral Health provides free counseling services 24/7 by calling 1-800-580-6934. HMSA membership is not required.
Employee Assistance of the Pacific (EAP) offers free counseling sessions. Call toll-free at 1-877-597-8222.

FOR CRISIS SUPPORT
Call or Text Hawai'i CARES at 988
For emergencies call 911

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HIDOE Students

COUNSELING SERVICES
FOR HAWAII STATE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
YOUTH
All services are free of charge!

COMMUNITY-BASED
IN-PERSON SERVICES
Lāhainā Comprehensive Health Center
Akaka Pk. (Just below the Lāhainā Civic Center)
Daily from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(808) 984-2150
Maui Family Guidance Center
Wailuku Office
Monday – Friday, 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Please call ahead at (808) 243-1252*
*If you happen to get a voicemail, please leave a msg.

SCHOOL-BASED
HERE TO HELP
24-person mental health and well-being services are available on every campus. For more information, reach out to your current school or visit hawaii.hhsd.net.

VIRTUAL
HAZEL HEALTH
Tele-therapy sessions available
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. HST
Call to Schedule an Appointment at (808) 764-7345

24/7 BY PHONE
HMSA PARTNER CARLETON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Counseling services available to youth and families.
HMSA membership is not required.
Call 1-800-580-4934

CRISIS SUPPORT
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SECTION

02

Preparing to reopen schools



Lāhainā Complex School Reopening Plans

- Prioritizing health and safety of staff and students
- Working with county/Mayor, state/Governor and federal agencies
 - Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA)
 - Hawai'i State Department of Health
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Objective for reopening:
Return as soon as safely possible

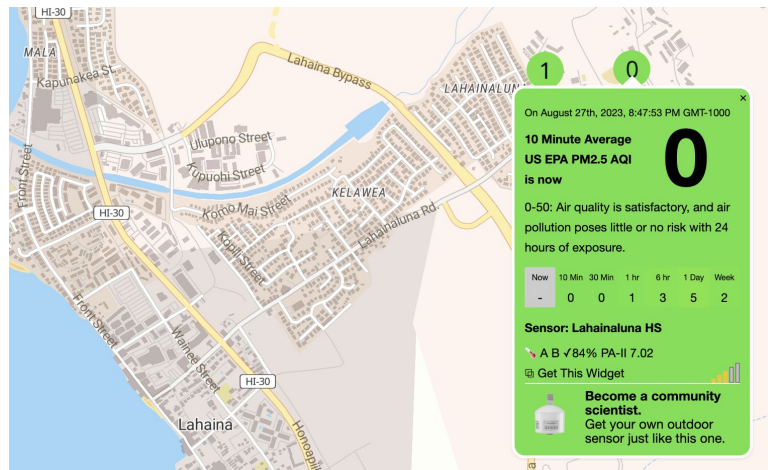


Lāhainā Intermediate and
Lāhaināluna High site visits



Lāhainā Complex School Reopening Plans

- Air quality: DOH monitors (maps.purpleair.com)
- Water quality: County and HIDOE teams
- Soil quality: DOH and HIDOE teams with contractor
- Professional cleaning, repairs and debris removal
- Stable electricity and consistent internet sufficient for business operations and learning
- Revision of safety plans for evacuation





Lāhainā Complex School Reopening Plans

Target: Reopen the Lāhainā campuses following fall break

- Planning for temporary relocation of King Kamehameha III (temporarily co-locate to Princess Nāhi'ena'ena and/or temporary site in West Maui)
- Planning for learning hub(s) in West Maui
- Discussing Kaiapuni Lāhainā request for West Maui site for schools' programs

**Fall break:
October 9-13**



**King Kamehameha
III Elementary**



**Princess
Nāhi'ena'ena
Elementary
(PNES)**



**Lāhainā
Intermediate**



**Lāhaināluna
High**

King Kamehameha III Elementary

Process for planning new, permanent campus

- Will seek community input
- Will honor legacy of the historic campus
- Will be coordinated with planning for Lahaina community



The King Kamehameha III Elementary campus in Lāhainā before the Aug. 2023 wildfires.



Transition to reopening

Options for families based on their situations and preferences

If displaced from Lāhainā

Get immediately enrolled in neighborhood school with MV1

If internet connection stable, apply for distance learning

English medium or
Kaiapuni Hawaiian language
immersion

This form is titled "QUESTIONNAIRE TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY MV1" and is from the State of Hawaii Department of Education. It asks for student information, current living arrangements, and eligibility for distance learning. It includes checkboxes for various living situations and a section for current living arrangements with checkboxes for different types of housing.

If still in Lāhainā

Elementary and intermediate students may enroll, temporarily, at Kamali'i Elementary, Wailuku Elementary, and Lokelani Intermediate

Lāhaināluna High may attend
Kūlanihāko'i High

Bussing will be provided for students
with adult supervision and support

Contingency plans in case of road
closures on the Pali

This flyer is titled "West Maui Schools Parent and Family Update" and is dated Aug. 20, 2023. It provides information about the transition to reopening for students in Lāhainā. It includes a diagram showing the flow of students from Lāhainā to various schools: King Kamehameha II Elementary, Princess Mokuweke Elementary, Wailuku Elementary, and Kamali'i Elementary. It also mentions that students in Grades 6-8 and 9-12 may be temporarily enrolled at Lokelani Intermediate or Kūlanihāko'i High. The flyer includes contact information for questions and a list of schools that will be closed on the Pali.



Enrollment for Lāhaināluna Complex Students

Official enrollment data as of August 31, 2023

Aug. 8 enrollment in Lāhaināluna Complex ("pre-registered")	Students who have re-enrolled in other public schools	Students who have applied for or enrolled in the State Distance Learning Program (SDLP): English and Hawaiian language immersion	Students who have enrolled outside of DOE (estimated)	Students the Department is actively reaching out to contact
3,001	778 (at 43 HIDOE schools)	874 (includes students on waitlist)	Charter schools: ~29 Hawai'i independent schools: ~100 Withdrawn: 12	1,208 (Estimated)



SECTION

03

Communicating with stakeholders

Recent HIDOE Community Outreach



Ongoing support from **community liaisons** who are meeting with families in Lāhainā



Hotline via phone and text, supported by Leadership Institute. Continues to respond to questions and concerns



Aug. 29 announcement about **Lāhainā schools' targeted date for reopening** after fall break and options during the transition



Calls to families of students who have not yet enrolled in another school

HIDOE Community Outreach

August 30, 2023 – Community meetings in Lāhainā and Kahului



Lāhainā: Citizen Church

Approximately **800** attendees.

Information about reopening plans, questions and answers.

On-site language interpretation: ASL, Spanish, Chuukese, Ilocano and Tagalog.



Kahului: Maui Arts & Cultural Center

Key Takeaways:

- Parents and students want school to start sooner than mid-fall target date.
- Parents want option on west side for their families in the transition to school reopening.
- Parents concerned about bussing students across the Pali.
- Some are not getting information that HIDOE is sending.
- Stakeholders want to provide input for planning.



Strengthening Communication

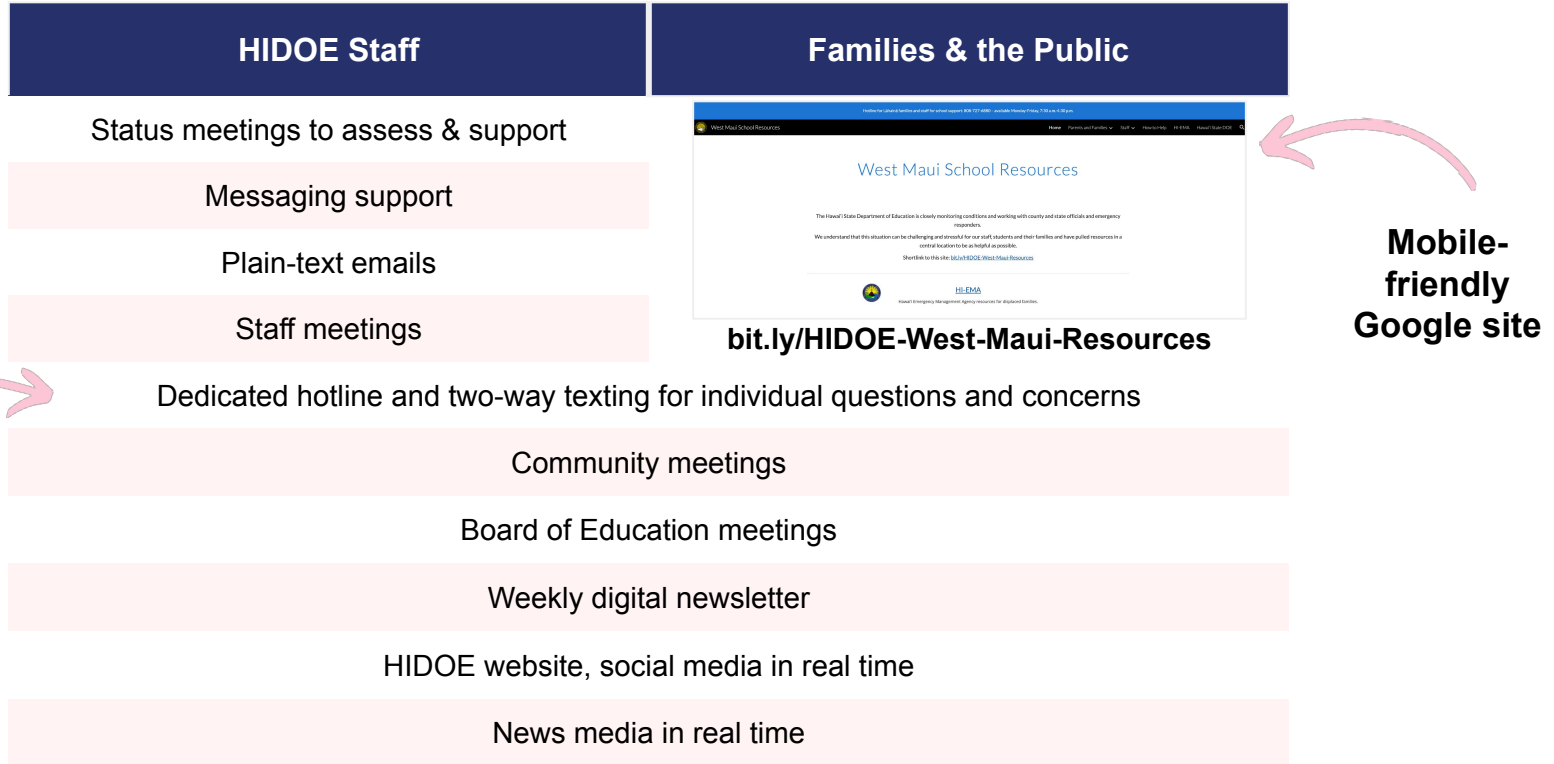




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