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To: All Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Haumāna and 'Ohana
From: The Po'o Kula's Office
Subject: Adjusting Our School Schedule to Enhance Teacher Collaboration

Aloha mai kākou e nā haumāna a me 'ohana o Kamehameha ma Kapālama,

We want to inform you about a change to our school schedule taking place next year, share why we're making this change, and explain what it means for you and your family.

At Kamehameha Schools, we are constantly striving to deliver the highest possible quality of education for our students. Research shows that allowing teachers time to collaborate with their fellow teachers provides multiple benefits, including better classroom instruction, lesson consistency and enhanced student performance.

For this reason, starting in the 2019-2020 school year, we are introducing a formal, two-hour weekly teacher collaboration period. This change will allow our kumu time to (1) work together in planning for effective instruction, (2) explore new ideas and (3) fine-tune solutions designed to deliver an even greater quality of education for Kamehameha School students.

We realize having your child's school day end two hours early every Wednesday may be a burden and significant change to your schedule, but we believe this change will result in an enhanced student learning experience for our students.

Starting next year, the weekly early out will occur every Wednesday during the school year (see attached revised student calendar).

- Elementary School and Middle School will dismiss at 12:45pm.
- High School will dismiss no later than 1:20pm.

All normal after school bussing will occur when school dismisses. Each school is still identifying optional after-school enrichment activities that will be provided for haumāna in lieu of formal classroom time. More information on alternative after-school activities and programs will be shared as soon as it is available.

We understand the schedule change may affect your planned after-school activities next year; we hope that sharing this news with you now will allow you to make the necessary preparations needed to accommodate our new Wednesday afternoon schedule.



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We believe the benefits of providing our kumu with the opportunity for professional collaboration time will not only elevate the student experience, but will lead to a more rewarding, engaging and inspiring teacher experience as well. For these reasons, the benefits of moving to a weekly early out schedule far outweighs the loss of instructional minutes our students will receive.

If you have any questions about this new teacher collaboration initiative, or the resulting schedule change for the 2019-2020 school year, please do not hesitate to reach out to us directly.

Mahalo nui loa for your support and commitment as we strive to deliver a rewarding, exemplary and distinctive educational journey for each and every Kamehameha Schools student.

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