



Hālau Kū Māna

New Century Public Charter School

April 14, 2020

Aloha ka 'Ohana o kula Ha'aha'a,

We would like to first express our appreciation to you, our students and parents, for your patience and understanding as we work through these uncertain times. We'd also like to send our gratitude to the Charter School Commission and the HDOE for the constant communication and guidance during the past few weeks. We know you have had many questions which we hope to address in this letter. Much consideration and thought has been given to how we can ensure our students receive the grades they deserve to obtain the necessary credits to be promoted to the next grade level.

What we are sharing below is to assist you in understanding our decision-making as it pertains to how we will deal with the circumstances facing our elementary school students. We have had many discussions on how best to support all of our students by acknowledging their achievements, and putting the health and safety of our students, staff and families first.

As it pertains to Grades and Promotion to the next grade level:

Each traditional year-long course will utilize grades from quarters 1-3 to determine the final grade for each standard, which ended on March 13, 2020. The final grade for the standard will be awarded to students who achieved the requisite proficiency through the 3rd quarter. For elementary students, proficiency is considered to be approaching proficiency or above for each standard.

For those students who were not proficient at the end of the 3rd Quarter:

Hālau Kū Māna will provide multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency until the last day for students, which is *May 21st, 2020*. We will provide remediation and intervention at the earliest date or means possible and will work with teachers and counselors to find a solution for students who need credit recovery support.

- *Rationale:* Consistent in our philosophy of student support.
 - o One-to-one online options
 - o Credit recovery programming
 - o Printed materials and instructional packets with teacher check-ins (correspondence courses)
 - o Project-based learning (Performance-based assessments)
 - o Portfolios
 - o Tutorials or other intervention strategies using conference calls, email, web conferencing

If you have any questions please email kristen@halaukumana.org. We thank you for your continued patience as we work to provide the best for our students.

Mahalo!

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