



'A'ole pau ka 'ike i ka hālau ho'ohāki

Connections Public Charter School

August 6, 2018

Dear Families,

On behalf of the Connections PCS Governing Board and staff, I'd like to welcome all new and returning families to the new school year. We look forward to an exciting new year as we work together to provide our children with a meaningful and nurturing education.

Our morning buses will run on the same schedule as last year. All of our students need a well balanced diet to do their best in school. Through the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 the Community Eligibility Program was established. This program eliminates the need for household applications for free and reduced meals. ***Through the CEP, ALL CONNECTIONS' STUDENTS ARE ENTITLED TO A FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH EVERY SCHOOL DAY.***

Enclosed in this orientation packet are materials concerning our discipline policy, lunch program, a school calendar, various consent releases for activities, special needs information, emergency cards, and other important information. We are revising our discipline policy and seeking input from our families and the community. Comments should be in writing and addressed to the Connections PCS Governing Board.

These forms are also on our website (www.connectionscharterschool.org/parents.html).

A weekly *Stay Connected Newsletter* is available every week and can also be found on our website.

School will start promptly (for all K-6 students) at 8:15 am and finish at 2:30 pm. Middle and high school classes will begin at 8:30 am and finish at 2:45 pm. We will continue to offer after-school programs for all of our students. Our A+ program will be run by a private vendor and held on the first floor of the Kress Building. The secondary (grade 6-12 program), Studio SHAKA, will be on the second floor of the Kress Building. Information and registration materials are available in the school office and through our after-school program staff. **All students remaining on campus after 2:45 pm will be expected to be participating in one of our after-school programs or another school sponsored activity.**

This year we will continue the process of establishing our new campus in Kaumana. On May 29, 2015 Connections' challenged the Windward Planning Commission's denial of our special use permit. Our initial challenge was denied. We are continuing to appeal the Windward Planning Commission's denial through the legal system. This could take several years. We have been working on plans for this new campus site since 2007, and intend to continue moving forward. We look forward to providing our keiki with a high-quality 21st century education that will include agricultural, ecological, and sustainability-oriented experiences.