



April 22, 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope that this email finds you all well. We miss you and your children very much. We hope that you have been able to benefit from the weekly lesson plans, resources, and Zoom meetings that your teachers have been providing for you. We also invite you to join us on Sunday mornings as our worship services continue online at www.hawaiiikaichurch.org. Our desire is to continue to provide opportunities for your children to be growing in all areas of development during this time.

Hawaii Kai Church Early Learning Center (HKCELC) has been continuously monitoring the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation, and how it is affecting our community. We were hopeful that our school would be able to reopen on May 1, 2020. However, as many of you already know, this week the Hawaii State Department of Education announced that distance learning would continue through the month of May. In addition, today Mayor Kirk Caldwell extended the “stay at home, work from home” order through May 31st. Due to the most recent information given from all sources, we have also made the difficult decision to extend our closure through May 31, 2020. We understand that this has created a hardship for many of our families who may still be needing to work outside the home as essential workers. We are so thankful for all of you. However, at this time, we feel that it is in the best interest of our students, extended families, and staff to continue to provide distance learning opportunities.

Tuition for the month of May will not be charged. FACTS accounts will be adjusted to reflect this. We will continue to keep you informed regarding the date that school will resume. At this time, we are planning for a reopen date of June 1, 2020. However, due to the ever-changing nature of this pandemic, we will continue to stay abreast of the situation and communicate accordingly.

For any families who may be experiencing financial hardship, the Department of Human Services has extended the application deadline for the Preschool Open Doors financial assistance program through April 30, 2020. Child Care Connection Hawaii Program has relaxed many of their eligibility requirements as well. For more information, contact patchhawaii.org or DHS directly.

Please know that our staff and church family are praying for your families. If you have any specific prayer requests or needs, please feel free to contact us at elc@hawaiiikaichurch.org.

We have an awesome God who is mighty and powerful and is sovereign over all things big and small. He will see us through this season and well beyond.

Blessings,
Hawaii Kai Church Early Learning Center Administration