Hawaii State Department of Education

HIDOE receives approval to cancel federally mandated testing for school year 2019-20

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The HIDOE received notification this afternoon from the USDOE that its expedited waiver request was approved.

U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos this morning announced an opportunity for states to apply for flexibility around federal assessment and accountability requirements due to COVID-19 impacts. Within hours of filing with the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE), the Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) received notification that its expedited waiver request was approved.

HIDOE's expedited waiver allows for the cancellation of federally required assessments for the remainder of school year 2019-20. This includes Smarter Balanced Assessments in English Language Arts/Literacy and mathematics; Hawaii State Science Assessments and Biology 1 end of course exams; Hawaii State Alternate Assessments; and the Kaiapuni Assessment of Educational Outcomes (KĀ'EO).

"At this time, the top priority of our haumana and staff should be staying healthy and adapting to their new learning environments," Superintendent Dr. Christina Kishimoto said. "In these unprecedented times with rapidly changing conditions, the Department's efforts are focused on helping students continue to learn and grow through alternative instructional delivery methods."

The Hawaii Board of Education will be discussing the federal waiver at its April telemeeting. More details and an opportunity for public comment will be available here.

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