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August 24, 2023

TO: The Honorable Warren Haruki
Chairperson, Board of Education

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Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Report of the Superintendent: Maui Wildfire Impacts

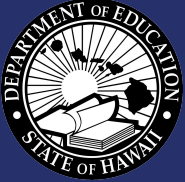
BACKGROUND

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) continues to navigate the significant impacts of the West Maui (Lahaina) wildfires which affected West Maui communities and schools in the Lahainaluna complex: King Kamehameha III Elementary School, Princess Nahienaena Elementary School, Lahaina Intermediate School and Lahainaluna High School.

UPDATE

The attached presentation provides an overview of the impacts, the Department's response, and supports that are available for students and staff.

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Attachment A

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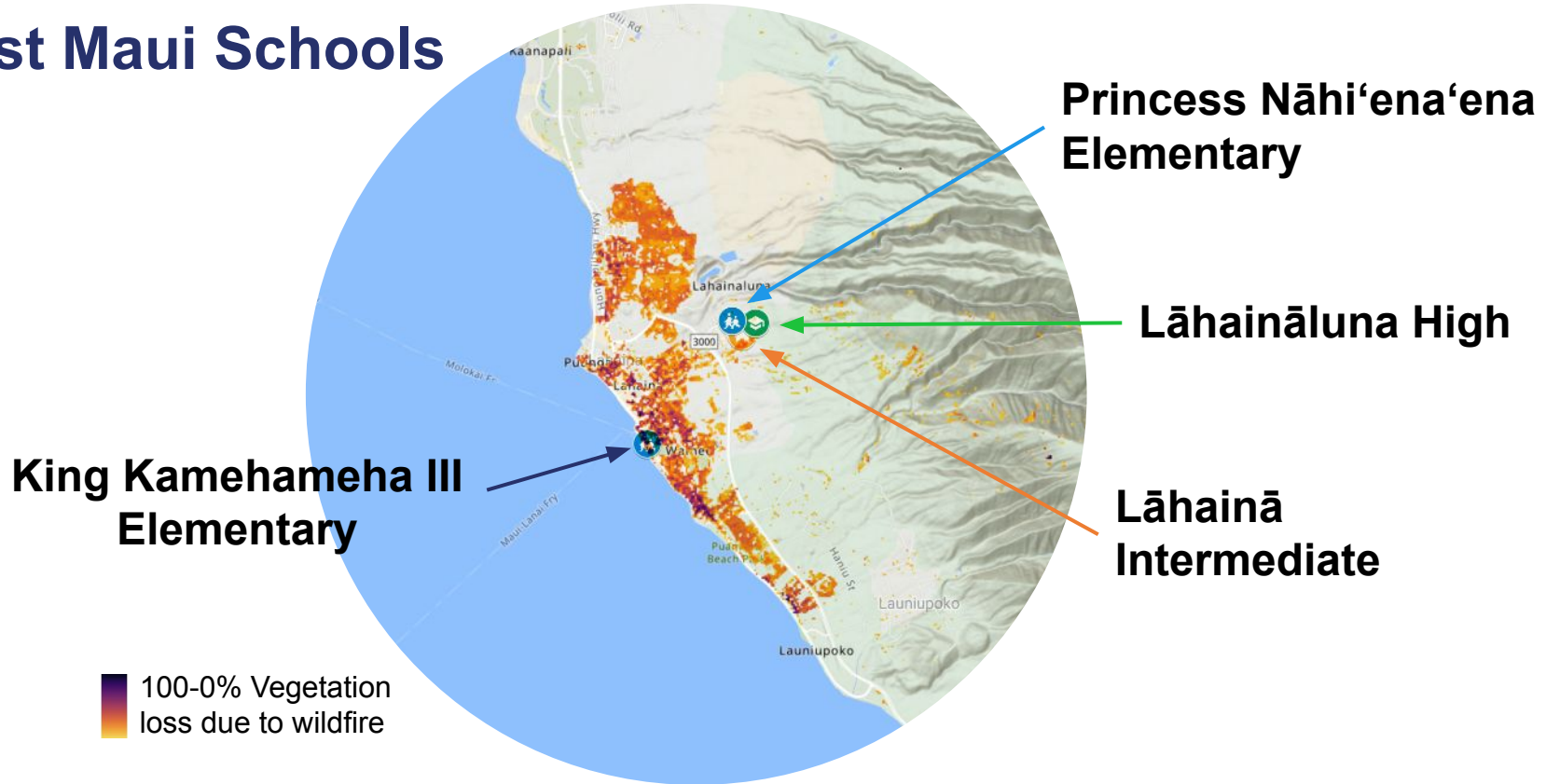
Report of the Superintendent Agenda Item III: Maui Wildfire Impacts

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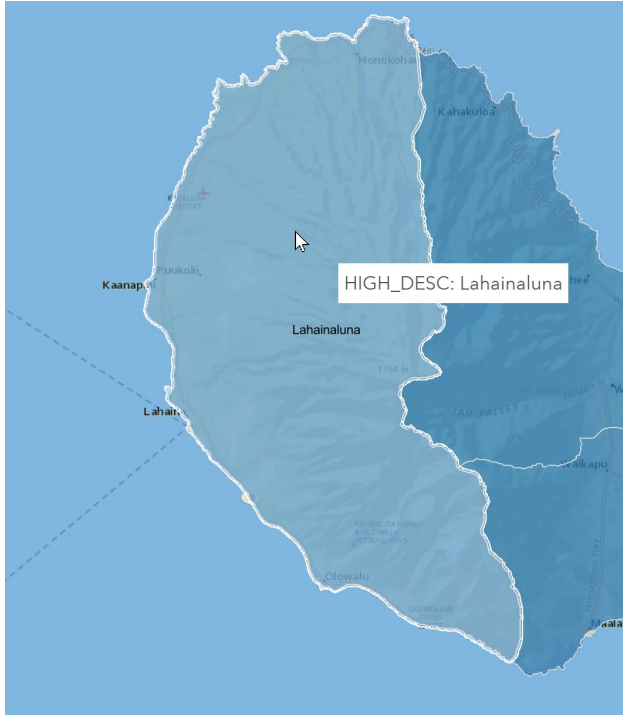
West Maui Schools



Sources: NASA JPL-Caltech ARIA Team, NASA, NASA Disasters Program and Google Maps



West Maui Schools: Lāhaināluna Complex Complex Boundary Lines



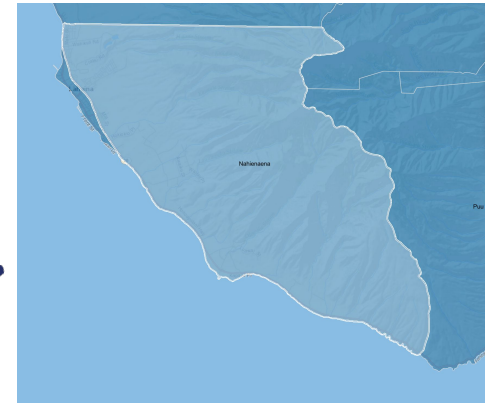
**King Kamehameha III
Elementary**



**Lāhainā Intermediate and
Lāhaināluna High**



**Princess Nāhi'ena'ena
Elementary**





West Maui Schools: Lāhaināluna Complex

	King Kamehameha III Elementary	Princess Nāhi'ena'ena Elementary	Lāhainā Intermediate	Lāhaināluna High	Total
Enrollment*	624	707	658	1,012	3,001
Staff**	68	75	77	107	327
Facility Damage	Severely damaged by Aug. 8, 2023 wildfire	Sustained wind damage. Debris and ash/soot.	Sustained wind damage. Debris and ash/soot.	Sustained wind damage. Debris and ash/soot.	
Status	Closed due to major structural damage. Awaiting official clearance.	Closed for water safety and environmental quality; awaiting official clearance.	Closed for water safety and environmental quality; awaiting official clearance.	Closed for water safety and environmental quality; awaiting official clearance.	

*As of 8/9/2023

**Staff have been on paid administrative leave since Aug. 8, 2023.



Facility Damage

King Kamehameha III Elementary



Building C (left) and A (right)



Building A - side



Building A - side



Building A - front



Facility Damage

Wind damage and debris

Nāhi'ena'ena Elementary



Attachment A
Lāhainā Intermediate



Lāhainā Intermediate



Lāhaināluna High





HIDOE Actions

Aug. 14 and 15 visits to impacted areas. Superintendent and other Department leaders met with parents, teachers, administrators and community members.

Community liaisons are meeting with families in shelters and community gathering sites to provide support for students.

Executive Team meets daily with Complex Area Superintendent and meetings with principals regarding crisis situations for impacted district and identifying needs.

Executive Team and Complex Area Superintendents meet daily with Federal, State and County Agencies and the Governor.

Superintendent met with U.S. Secretary of Education. Department team meets weekly with U.S. Department of Education Disaster Response team.

Ongoing communication with State and Federal elected officials.

Leveraging partnerships with community organizations and donors. Monetary donations for schools may be directed to the Public Schools of Hawai'i Foundation: <https://pshf.org/donations-page/>



Addressing Needs

Short Term Needs

- **Caring for our people/health and welfare of affected school communities**
 - Providing mental health support information for students and staff
 - Installing monitors for air quality
- **Communicating with stakeholders**
 - Established Maui Support Hotline
 - Checking in on students enrolled in Lāhaināluna Complex schools
- **Supporting affected students**
 - Providing in-person, telehealth and virtual options for counseling
 - Providing Psychological First Aid for Maui schools' staff (also for students who have relocated)
- **Starting to prepare staff to reopen schools**
 - Psychological First Aid for all staff
 - Staff convenings

Attachment A



Photo credit: Pōmaika'i Elementary Instagram



Psychological First Aid for Schools
by the National Child Traumatic
Stress Network



Enrollment and Movement for Lāhaināluna Complex Schools

Data as of August 21, 2023

	Aug. 8 enrollment in Lāhaināluna Complex (pre-fire)	Students who have re-enrolled in other public schools	Students who have enrolled in the State Distance Learning Program (SDLP), English and Hawaiian language immersion	Remainder of students who have not re-enrolled in another public school or opted for distance learning (may have moved out of state, enrolled in private schools)
Students from Lāhaināluna Complex (King Kamehameha III, Princess Nāhi'ena'ena, Lāhainā Intermediate, Lāhaināluna High)	3,001	538	438	2,025



Addressing Needs

Short Term Needs

- **Preparing facilities: Princess Nāhi‘ena‘ena Elementary, Lāhainā Intermediate & Lāhaināluna High**
 - Environmental testing
 - Health and safety clearance by county, state and/or federal officials
 - Working on internet connectivity
- **Temporary Relocation**
 - Evaluating options for temporary relocation of King Kamehameha III Elementary
 - Alternate locations if environmental testing delays reopening longer



Debris clean up at Lāhaināluna High

Addressing Needs

Medium and Long Term Needs

- Health and safety during Lāhainā debris removal
- Long term mental health support for staff and students
- Accelerating learning for affected students
- Future site for King Kamehameha III Elementary School
- Opportunities for students and staff to return to Lāhaināluna Complex schools
- Continued communication and planning with school communities



Kamehameha III Elementary Buildings A (left) and B (right)



Mental Health Support Systems in Place

HIDOE Staff

COUNSELING SERVICES
FOR HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF

In-person, by phone, and help-line services are available for staff who are seeking emotional and mental health support to process any distress caused by the Maui wildfires.

IN-PERSON*

DAILY
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LĀHAINĀ
Lāhainā Comprehensive Health Center
Akoakoa Pl | Phone: (808)984-2150

*Subject to change. Additional in-person service options will be announced as identified. (rev. 8.18.23)

BY PHONE

HMSA partner Carelon Behavioral Health provides free counseling services 24/7 by calling 1-800-580-6934. HMSA membership is not required.

FOR CRISIS SUPPORT
Call or Text Hawaii CARES at 988
For emergencies call 911

HIDOE Students

COUNSELING SERVICES
FOR HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION YOUTH

All services are free of charge!

COMMUNITY-BASED

IN-PERSON SERVICES

Lāhainā Comprehensive Health Center
Akoakoa Pl. (Just below the Lāhainā Civic Center)
Daily from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(808) 984-2150

Maui Family Guidance Center
Wailuku Office
Monday - Friday, 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Please call ahead at (808) 243-1252*
*If you happen to get a voicemail, please leave a msg.

SCHOOL-BASED

HERE TO HELP

In-person mental health and well-being services are available on every campus. For more information, reach out to your current school or visit heretohelp.hidoe.us.

VIRTUAL

HAZEL HEALTH

Tele-therapy sessions available:
Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. HST
Call to Schedule an Appointment at (808) 784-7365

24/7 BY PHONE

HMSA PARTNER CARELON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Counseling services available to youth and families.
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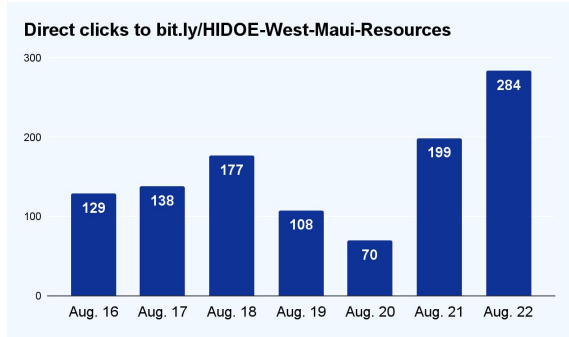
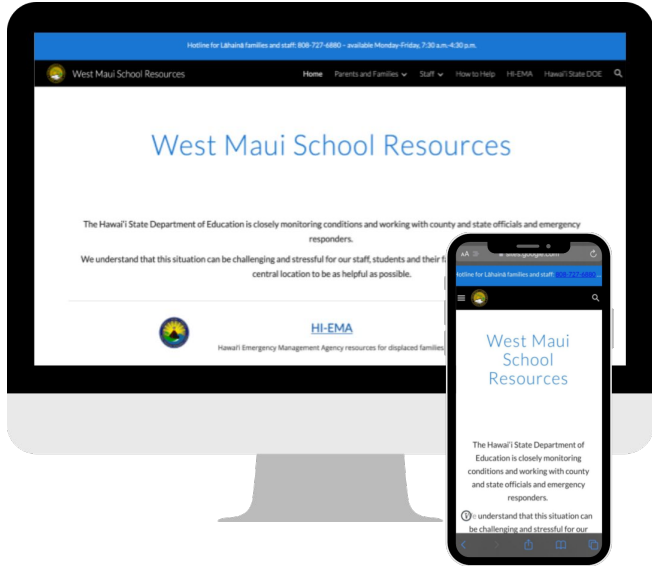
Additional Supports:

- As of August 16, Central Maui schools reported adequate support for students who are on campus. O’ahu schools are prepared to send staff as requested.
- 917 Maui school personnel attended Psychological First Aid (PFA) training. *PFA is an evidence-informed modular approach to help children and families in the immediate aftermath of a disaster.*

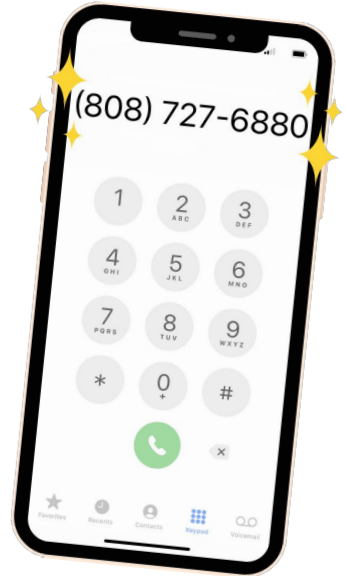


West Maui School Resources

bit.ly/HIDOE-West-Maui-Resources



Data as of August 22, 2023



**Hotline for Lāhainā
families and staff**