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Aloha PTA/PTSA Ohana,

After much deliberation, we are postponing next month's [Hawaii State PTSA Convention](#) and [Reflections Awards Banquet](#) due to COVID-19. As always, the health and safety of Hawaii's keiki and our dedicated volunteers is of utmost concern. Should we have to cancel, versus postpone the event, refunds will be issued on registration fees submitted. As this evolving issue continues to unfold, we will continue to monitor the situation and post updates when they become available.

As COVID-19 has become a bigger factor in Hawaii and officials have extended spring break for public schools, the Hawaii State PTSA is looking into concerns regarding how to assist families with working parents who need childcare options, as well as how to address the issue of families who rely on the school meal program to provide their children meals through the school each day. Additionally, we understand the challenges many of our PTAs are facing because they have meetings, community events, or fundraisers planned in the upcoming weeks.

At this point, we have reached out to the Hawaii DOE to look for ways our volunteer leaders will be able to assist with ensuring that student needs are met. We are also looking at the response and action plans of other PTAs across the country, some of who have already started school closures, to determine if some of these solutions can be applied to Hawaii schools and students.

The goal of this email is to ensure you that we will continue in our commitment to support Hawaii's keiki. As always, our strength is in our united voice for children. If you are aware of resources that will benefit other PTA leaders, please email them to info@hawaiiistateptsa.org and we will share on our Facebook page. For up-to-date PTSA information, please check out our Facebook page [@HawaiiStatePTSA](#), as well as our website: www.hawaiiistateptsa.org.

For updated information on COVID-19, please visit [Hawaii Department of Health](#) and [CDC](#).

Mahalo for all you do for Hawaii's keiki,
Liz Sager
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