

# REPUBLIC OF PALAU MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

## OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

### MOE COVID-19 Response: Directive No. 03-20

With the increasing threat of the global COVID-19 crisis along with the advice and recommendation of President Remengesau, the Ministry of Health, and the National Emergency Committee, the Ministry of Education further extend the school closure until the end of the current school year on May 15, 2020, and continue providing student lessons and activities through online learning or other means.


This preventive measure comes with the utmost concern for the health and safety of all public and private school students, teachers, and school staff, along with all other personnel of the Ministry of Education. This measure will help prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 in the community through mass gathering and lack of appropriate social distancing should the schools were to reopen and operate as usual.

The Ministry of Education continues to work in close coordination with President Remengesau, the National Emergency Committee, and the Ministry of Health to monitor and provide all the support for addressing the evolving COVID-19 situation in Palau.

By this directive, the following actions will be implemented accordingly.

- a. Cancel all classes until the end of the school year on May 15, 2020
- b. Students are to remain at home
- c. Continue remote learning by providing student lessons and activities through online learning or other means
- d. Cancel all statewide assessments and postpone all teacher training
- e. Cancel 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Workshop
- f. Compute student grades with three completed quarters including assigned work for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- g. Cancel promotional day ceremonies for elementary schools
- h. Decide on arrangements for high school graduation at a later date
- i. Determine the beginning of SY 2020-2021 at a later date

This directive was issued this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020 at the Ministry of Education in Koror, Republic of Palau.

  
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