Based on the quality of distance learning and return to the classroom timeline, McKinsey & Company predicts by Fall 2021, students could lose **3-14 MONTHS** of learning due to disruptions caused by COVID-19.¹

In the long term, this loss of learning may result in:

- Lower annual and lifetime earnings¹
- Increase in high school dropout rate¹
- 0.8 - 1.3% GDP decrease by 2040¹

Three strategies proven to address learning loss:

**COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

- Improved grades and test scores²
- Increased graduation rate²
- Greater student interest in learning²

**SUMMER LEARNING**

- **1.5 avg. months in increased literacy skills for underperforming students that participated in a quality summer program.³**

**AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS**

- Keep students safe
- Support working families
- Offer important social-emotional supports
- Provide additional learning time and supports
20,719 students served across Hawai‘i Department of Education (HDOE) summer programs in 2020, but not all of the students who needed it the most were able to access summer programs.  

**High Needs Student Participation in Various 2020 Summer Programs**

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E-School and Official Summer School are fee-based.

**Take Action**

Hawai‘i Afterschool Alliance recommends prioritizing summer learning programs as a strategy to combat COVID learning loss, to ensure that all students, especially the most vulnerable, have access to high quality summer programming.

**Community Schools**

Community Schools is a strategy where a school becomes the hub of its community and coordinates relationships and resources through the school to accelerate equitable outcomes in health, education, and employment.

**Collaborative Leadership and Practices**

**Expanded and Enriched Learning**

**Integrated Student Supports**

**Active Family and Community Engagement**

Compared to other schools, community schools responded to the COVID-19 pandemic faster and more effectively.

**Afterschool Programs**

In Hawai‘i, demand grows while opportunity shrinks.

**Take Action**

Hawai‘i Afterschool Alliance recommends maintaining current levels of state funding for afterschool programs, and encouraging schools to work with their afterschool providers to serve the most vulnerable students.

For every child in afterschool, two are waiting for an available spot.

Parent satisfaction is at an all-time high with 99% of Hawai‘i parents satisfied with their child’s afterschool program.

3. Results from Bellxcell evaluation study done on 540 students during summer 2020.
4. Data from HDOE 2020 Summer Learning - Summary of Findings.