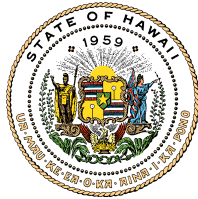


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March 11, 2024

Dear Mānoa Elementary 'ohana,

It's hard to comprehend the tragedy that occurred this weekend and grasp the loss to our Mānoa community. Our deepest condolences are with their friends and families during this time.

The events have raised many emotions, concerns, and questions for our entire school, especially our students and I want to assure you that our staff is committed to the safety and well-being of our students. We will continue to have a crisis intervention team of professionals trained to help with the needs of students and school personnel available.

We also encourage you to speak with your children about their feelings and review the materials linked below.

- [Supporting your child after the death of a family member or friend](https://www.newyorklife.com/assets/foundation/docs/pdfs/supporting-your-child.pdf) (<https://www.newyorklife.com/assets/foundation/docs/pdfs/supporting-your-child.pdf>)
- [Dougy Center resources](https://www.dougy.org/grief-support-resources) (<https://www.dougy.org/grief-support-resources>)

Should you be concerned about your child and feel that he or she has been affected, please let us know and we will assist with emotional support. Please take care of yourselves and each other.

Together, as a school community, we will get through this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to contact our administration at (808) 988-1868 for any assistance.

Sincerely,

Jason Okamoto
Principal