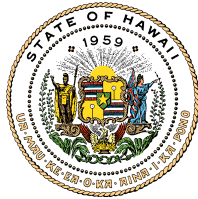


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March 13, 2024

Dear Mānoa Elementary 'Ohana,

The past few days have been very challenging and filled with many strong emotions. Through it all we have been lifted by the love and support of the entire Mānoa community and beyond. Our students and staff have shown great resilience and strength in working toward healing, and as a school we are committed to supporting our students, staff, and families throughout this process.

This week we brought in additional trained counselors to provide specialized support for students in need. They will be on campus throughout the week to ensure all students' needs are met. We were also fortunate to partner with Assistance Dogs of Hawai'i to provide comfort through access to therapy dogs for students.

In the coming days and weeks we know that there is more healing to be done. During this time, we are asking for the time and space for our teachers and students to process and grieve as a school community and family.

If you feel your child would benefit from additional support, please do not hesitate to reach out to our administration at (808) 988-1868. The Hawai'i Site Department of Education also has a partnership with Hazel Health for additional mental health support through virtual counseling sessions. This support is available to any student and can be accessed through the attached information.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and one another during this incredibly difficult time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Okamoto".

Jason Okamoto
Principal