



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Mānoa Elementary School
3155 Mānoa Road
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Good afternoon Mānoa Elementary School families,

It was brought to my attention that there was recently a dangerous situation that occurred off-campus and after school hours, but within our Mānoa community. Because this incident does not directly involve our campus, we are not privy to the details of the case being handled by law enforcement.

That being said, the safety of our students and staff is always a top priority here at Mānoa Elementary and we continue to do everything under our control to maintain a safe learning environment.

We have general safety procedures in place to monitor campus activities along with notification protocols and safety drills to ensure everyone knows what to do in the event of an emergency or threat to campus. We're currently starting our yearly review and drill cycle that includes responses to fire, lockdowns, shelter-in-place, and earthquake drills. These schoolwide drills help us keep everyone prepared for the unexpected.

Please continue to help us by talking to your children about the importance of their attention and cooperation as we go through our regular safety drills. Continue to have conversations about what to do if they feel unsafe including immediately reporting to a trusted adult and staying in groups or partners. As a community, please pay attention to your surroundings and report anything suspicious by calling 911.

Our administration takes very seriously the duty we have to care for the students at Mānoa Elementary. Thank you for all you do and for your continued support and vigilance to keep our school community safe.

Respectfully,

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

Jason Okamoto
Principal