



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**WAIĀKEA COMPLEX SCHOOL**  
WAIĀKEA HIGH SCHOOL  
WAIĀKEA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
WAIĀKEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 10, 2018

Dear Waiakea Complex students, parents and guardians,

The safety and well-being of our students is our top priority.

This letter is to inform you that Waiakea Elementary, Waiakea Intermediate and Waiakea High schools were placed on lockdown around 10:45 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, as a safety precaution following reports of a possible gunman at the University of Hawaii at Hilo campus.

Our schools routinely conduct emergency drills to prepare for such events, and all three schools acted quickly to secure their campuses Monday.

At 11 a.m. Hawaii County Police Department officials deemed the situation safe, and schools were given the all-clear to resume normal activities.

The safety of our students is a shared effort and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school.

Mahalo,

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Principal, Waiakea Intermediate

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Principal, Waiakea High