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PRINCIPAL

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Greetings Warrior Community-

I am certain by now that many of you watched or heard about the Friday, October 20, 2023 broadcast of Hawaii News Now story of an assault that took place on campus in our cafeteria. I am certain that everyone has their own opinion about what occurred and how it could have been prevented. Although very unfortunate, none of us has the ability to go back in time and change what happened.

In my time as principal at Waiakea High, I have made it a priority to make the vast majority of my decisions in a fashion that is both fair and transparent for the benefit of all of our students and staff. Moving forward, the WHS administration has asked all three of our security staff to rotate between the different areas of campus during non-instructional times to better supervise our 1300 students. I have also asked all staff members to be more vigilant and observant, paying attention to student behavior and resulting conduct.

Lastly, I ask all of our parents to have a conversation with their children about the importance of reporting occurrences of possible violent situations to any WHS staff member, instead of preparing to record it on their phones or other devices. It is an expectation that all Waiakea High students express acceptance and kindness, while also striving for excellence in all of their endeavors.

It is beyond a doubt that Waiakea High continues to be a very safe and outstanding school. Isolated events will continue to occur at inopportune times. It is all of our responsibility as Warriors to keep everyone safe so we can continue to be #WaiakeaWarriorStrong!

With Great Warrior Pride,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelcy Koga".

Mr. Kelcy Koga, Principal  
Waiakea High School