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KELCY KOGA
PRINCIPAL

September 7, 2023

Dear Waiakea High parents and guardians:

Our administration was made aware of an alleged threat to our campus which was electronically sent. Hawaii County Police Department was notified immediately and is conducting an investigation. As a precautionary measure, a security plan has been initiated, and we will have additional security present on campus along with officers from the Hawaii County Police Department. School will remain open with no changes in the schedule.

All threats to our school and students are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly and immediately. Terroristic threats are considered Class A student conduct offenses. Penalties can range from suspension to expulsion with also the likelihood of arrest and serious criminal charges. We ask for your assistance to speak to your children about the consequences of such acts and to encourage them to make responsible decisions especially when online.

If you see a threatening post on social media, please take a screenshot and report it to law enforcement as well as the social media platforms on which they are made. Also, Share with your children to refrain from reposting the threat. According to law enforcement, reposting a threat is as serious as making the threat itself, as it breathes life into the initial post.

Waiakea High School is committed to safeguarding the physical and emotional well-being of our students and we appreciate your continued support. I would like to reiterate that our school is safe. Should you have any concerns, please contact our office at 480-3200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrian De Mello".

Adrian De Mello
Vice Principal