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Dear Waiakea High parents and guardians,

Our administration was made aware of an alleged threat to our campus posted on a bathroom wall. The 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. 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 detention to suspension with the possibility of arrest and serious criminal charges. We ask for your assistance to speak to your children about the consequences for such acts and to encourage them to make good decisions.

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 — it breathes life into the initial post.

Waiakea High is committed to safeguarding the physical and emotional well-being of our students and we appreciate your continued support. Should you have any concerns, please contact our office at 974-4888.

Sincerely,

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

Kelcy Koga
Principal