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Dear Kapolei Middle parents and guardians,

The safety and well-being of our students is a high priority and we are committed to providing a secure campus. To that end, we want to notify you of a security incident that happened today at approximately 8:30 a.m. when our administration received reports of a student allegedly showing other students a firearm that they had brought to school. Campus was immediately placed on lockdown out of an abundance of caution and the item was confiscated. The Honolulu Police Department was notified of the situation and responded immediately to investigate. The lockdown was lifted at 9:50 a.m. and all students and staff remained safe throughout the incident.

Hawaii Administrative Rules define a firearm violation as a Class A student misconduct offense. Any student in possession of a firearm on campus shall be dismissed from school for not less than a period of one calendar year. Firearms include air guns, BB and pellet guns, paintball guns, crossbows, or any other instrument which will expel a projectile.

We want you to have the facts so you can discuss them with your child and emphasize the seriousness of this issue. We ask for your help to speak to your child(ren) about the serious repercussions that can result from such actions and to remind them about contraband items that may be harmful and pose a health and safety risk to themselves or to others. Please do your part by securing dangerous items at home to prevent easy access.

The well-being of our students is a continual community effort and your voice is a critical part in keeping our campus safe. We encourage you to remain vigilant and speak up immediately if you see anything that could be a threat.

Mahalo for your attention and for your continued support in keeping our campus safe and secure. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our administration at (808) 693-7025.

Sincerely,

Bryan Rankie
Principal