

## STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAUI HIGH SCHOOL 660 LONO AVE KAHULUI, HI 96732

Sept. 7, 2022

Dear Families and Community of Maui High School,

The safety and well-being of our students at Maui High School is a high priority and we are committed to providing a secure campus.

To that end, we want to notify you of an off-campus security incident that happened today before school. At approximately 7 a.m. the Maui Police Department (MPD) was notified of a student on one of our school buses that was allegedly in possession of a firearm. MPD responded immediately and upon locating the suspected student, discovered a pellet gun in their possession. The item was immediately confiscated and all students remained safe throughout the incident.

Hawaii Administrative Rules define a firearm violation as a Class A 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. The case has been referred to police for further action. We want you to have the facts so you can discuss them with your child and emphasize the seriousness of this issue.

We ask that you remind your child 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.

As an added precaution, there will be increased security presence on campus today. For any students who may want to talk to someone about this incident, our counseling services will be available.

Thank you very much for your attention and we ask for your continued support to help keep our campus safe and secure. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our administration at (808) 727-4000.

Sincerely,

Jamie Yap Principal