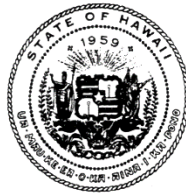


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Oct. 30, 2026

Aloha Kealakehe High School 'Ohana,

The safety and well-being of our students is a top priority and we are committed to providing a secure campus. This letter is to inform you that our campus was placed on lockdown status today at approximately 2:56 p.m. as a safety precaution due to a reported threat to our campus.

The Hawai'i Police Department (HPD) immediately responded and after a thorough investigation determined there was no threat to our campus. The lockdown was lifted at 3:53 p.m. and students were released to go home. All students and staff remained safe throughout the incident. We thank HPD for their quick and thorough response to the situation.

All on-campus after-school activities for the day were cancelled out of an abundance of caution.

We are aware of reports circulating about possible gunfire in the surrounding area. However, HPD has confirmed that these reports are false.

I would like to commend our staff, teachers and students for their quick action and cooperation. The well-being of our students is a continual community effort and your voice is critical to keeping our campus safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our administration at 808-313-3600. If you have any information about this incident you are urged to call Detective Wyatt Kaili-Leong at (808)326-3303 or via email at Wyatt.Kaili-Leong@hawaiiipolice.gov.

Sincerely,

Kori Takaki
Principal