



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF THE COMPLEX AREA SUPERINTENDENT  
**KAUAI SCHOOLS**  
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Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers, Staff and the Community:

Recent bomb threats at three Kauai public schools took away precious learning time from our students and resulted in unnecessary worry, stress, and anguish for our families, teachers, staff and the community. At the same time, the events emphasized the high priority that is placed on the health and safety of students, staff, and the community by the Hawaii State Department of Education (DOE), Kauai Police Department, and emergency personnel.

Emergency situations necessitate the execution of prescribed procedures and best practices. The emergency guide published by the DOE Office of School Facilities and Support Services sets forth a course of action for schools and offices during a crisis. In addition, each DOE school has a detailed emergency management plan that addresses phone access, water, and restroom facilities for students and staff during emergencies, including evacuations.

Bomb threats lead to serious punishment for offenders and are classified as Class C Felonies and Chapter 19 Terroristic Threatening Infractions. If you have any information about the recent incidents, please contact Detective Purisima at 241-1682, Police Dispatch at 241-1711, or Crime Stoppers at 241-1887. In the meantime, all Kauai public schools will be implementing additional security measures.

Your role in educating Kauai youth about the negative effects of recent incidents on our school community and explaining the related consequences is crucial. By working together, we will ensure that our children develop into nurturing, caring, and responsible citizens.

Mahalo for your continued support of Kauai's public schools, educators, and students.

Sincerely,

William N. Arakaki  
Kauai Complex Area Superintendent