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Dear Kalakaua Middle Parents and Guardians,

Our administration was made aware this afternoon of a threat to our campus on social media. The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) was notified and is currently investigating.

All threats to our school and students are taken very seriously and are investigated thoroughly. Terroristic threats are considered Class A student conduct offenses. Penalties can range from detention to dismissal with the possibility of arrest and serious criminal charges. I urge students and families to refrain from reposting threats. According to HPD, reposting a threat is as good as making the threat itself and contributes to carrying on the initial threat, prolonging the problem.

Out of an abundance of caution, additional department security and HPD officers will be present on campus tomorrow. School will be open and there will be no change in the schedule.

As with any emergency-type situation, we are striving to balance the need for safety with our overall commitment to provide students and families with every sense of normalcy. We appreciate your help as we work together to keep all of our students safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our administration at (808) 832-3130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lorelei Aiwohi".

Lorelei Aiwohi
Principal