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Dear Hilo High Parents and Guardians,

At Hilo High School, the safety of our students and staff are of highest priority. This letter is to inform you of an incident that occurred at approximately 12:50 p.m. this afternoon. Our campus was placed on lockdown status as a safety precaution following an altercation involving multiple students. School administration and Hawaii Police officers responded immediately and addressed the situation.

The lockdown remained in place through 2:28 p.m., until all participants in the fight could be picked up by their parents. All students were then dismissed at our normal release time at 2:35 p.m.

An investigation is underway and our staff is working directly with students involved, along with their parents, to address their differences in a constructive manner. We ask for your assistance to stop the spread of rumors on social media. We want you to have the facts so you can discuss them with your child and emphasize the seriousness of this issue.

The safety of our students is a major priority and we are committed to providing a secure campus. I would like to commend our students, parents, teachers and staff for their cooperation.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our administration at 313-5500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Dircks".

Robert Dircks
Principal