



STATE OF HAWAII
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Dear Wai'anae High School Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to express our deep concern and sadness regarding the tragic shooting incident that occurred in our community this Wednesday afternoon. We understand how unsettling and difficult this news may be for our students and their families.

Please be assured that our students' and staff's safety and well-being remain our highest priority. We are here to support our community during this challenging time. In light of this event, we want to inform you of our immediate steps to enhance security and provide support.

We are working closely with the Nānākuli-Wai'anae Complex Area staff to provide additional support as needed and our security staff will increase presence and movement throughout the campus.

Support staff will be available to provide emotional support and resources to students, staff, and families. If you or your child are experiencing anxiety or distress, please do not hesitate to reach out to our counseling team. We encourage you to regularly check in and talk to your children about their feelings.

We are committed to providing everyone with a safe and supportive learning environment. Together, we can overcome this challenge and continue to foster a caring community.

If you have any concerns or need additional information, please contact our school office at (808) 305-2900.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ray Pikelny-Cook".

Ray Pikelny-Cook
Principal, Wai'anae High School