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Dear Kea'au High parents and guardians,

We are sending this letter home to inform you of an on-campus safety incident that occurred at approximately **11:30 a.m.** today. Our campus was placed on a **brief** lockdown as a precaution after an altercation between students led to additional altercations. Our school administration further investigated the matter and **took appropriate action** based on our findings. The lockdown was lifted at approximately **12:20 p.m.**

Following our text alert, online rumors spread of a possible weapon being used during the altercation. This is not accurate. No weapons were involved at any time. We ask for your help to stop the spread of rumors and false information.

We encourage parents to speak with their child(ren) about making the right choices and the potential consequences of their actions. We remind everyone that assaults, fights and physical violence are taken very seriously and are investigated thoroughly. These are Class A student conduct offenses, with penalties ranging from detention to dismissal with the possibility of arrest and serious criminal charges.

Fighting not only includes instigating or provoking physical contact, but physically supporting a fight by one's presence and encouragement. Anyone who gathers to watch, record or support a fight may also be given disciplinary consequences.

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 office at (808) 313-3300.

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Cevallos".

Dean Cevallos
Principal