



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MOANALUA MIDDLE SCHOOL
1289 MAHIOLE STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96819

August 4, 2010

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Learning in school environments that are safe and violence free are foundational to achieving academic and social success for our children. "Be Cool! Don't Be A Fool In School!" is our annual statewide campaign to remind you and your child/children that bringing a firearm, including air guns and any instrument that may be readily converted to expel a projectile, to school is a violation of the *Hawaii Gun-Free Schools Act*.

Any student who violates the *Hawaii Gun-Free Schools Act* shall be removed from attending school for not less than one calendar year. Only the Superintendent, on a case-by-case basis, may modify the removal of the student. Since this campaign began in 2005, the total number of firearm-related incidents involving Hawaii public school students has decreased significantly. Thank you for your efforts in reminding your child/children that firearms are dangerous instruments and do not belong in school, on the school bus, at school-related activities or in their backpacks.

Please discuss with your child/children the attached flier emphasizing personal safety, what are appropriate safe school behaviors, and the consequences of violating the *Hawaii Gun Free Schools Act*. Always be aware of what your child/children are doing and what they may be bringing to school in their backpacks.

Thank you for helping to keep our Hawaii schools safe for your child/children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Nagamine".

Lisa Nagamine
Principal

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Attachment