

STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Mānoa Elementary School

3155 Mānoa Road Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

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Dear Mānoa Elementary School Parent/Guardian:

We are excited to introduce the Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) Speak Now Anti-Bullying Mobile Application (App) for students in grades four through six.

The Speak Now App is a reporting tool that provides students another way to report incidents of bullying on DOE campuses, transportation, and during DOE-sponsored activities that they have either experienced or witnessed. Reports may be done anonymously.

This Speak Now App does not replace the positive and trusting relationships that students have with campus educators and staff. We continue to encourage students to report bullying incidents to their teachers, counselors and administrators.

In order to report a bullying incident on the Speak Now App students will need to download the app from the Apple iTunes or Google Play Store. Students may also go to speaknowhidoe.com using an Internet Browser to submit a tip.

A student is not required to submit any personally identifiable information in order to use the Speak Now App. Personally identifiable information will only be accessible through Speak Now if a student voluntarily includes it within the content of an incident report.

Please note that the Speak Now app is now available for students to report an incident. With parental consent, a child will be able download the app on their smartphone, and/or tablet at no charge. For instructions on how to use the Speak Now app, please go to speaknowhidoe.com.

Sincerely,

Jason Okamoto Principal

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