

## STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION W. R. Farrington High School 1564 North King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

April 25, 2019

Dear Farrington High School Parents and Guardians,

Our administration was made aware of a social media post warning of a school threat to an unidentified campus. The post does not specify any school by name and is written in vague language warning parents to keep their children home due to a threat. The message is written so broadly that it could be applied to any school in any location at any time. There is no imminent threat to our campus and our school will remain open on normal schedules.

We are sending this letter home to inform you of this situation and to ask for your help. The social media post circulating is written in a first-person point of view, so it appears that that it was written by the sender or anyone who reposts it. I urge all students and families to refrain from reposting threats and rumors online.

According to police, reposting a threat is as good as making the threat itself and contributes to prolonging the event. We encourage parents to speak with their child about making the right choices and the potential consequences of their actions.

All threats to our school or students are taken very seriously and are investigated thoroughly. Terroristic threats are considered Class A student conduct offenses. Penalties can range from detention to dismissal with the possibility of arrest and serious criminal charges.

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 administration at (808) 305-5012.

Sincerely,

Al Carganilla Principal