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Dear Keaau Middle Parents and Guardians,

At Keaau Middle School, the safety of our students and staff are of highest priority. This letter is to inform you of an incident that occurred at approximately 7:30 a.m. this morning. Our campus was placed on lockdown status as a safety precaution after an unidentified adult male entered our campus with a machete. School staff and Hawaii Police officers responded immediately, secured all students in safe locations and swept the campus as a precaution. The lockdown was lifted at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The safety of our students is a major priority and we are committed to providing a secure campus. I would like to commend our students, parents, teachers and staff for their cooperation. We ask that you remain vigilant while on or near campus and report any suspicious or illegal activity to administrators during school hours or to police after hours.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our administration at (808) 313-4800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elna Gomes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elna Gomes  
Principal