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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are excited to introduce the Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) Speak Now Anti-Bullying Mobile Application (App).

The Speak Now App is a **reporting** tool that will provide another mechanism for students to report incidents of bullying on DOE campuses, transportation, and during DOE-sponsored activities that they have either experienced or witnessed.

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. [KS1]

A student is not required to submit any personally identifiable information in order to use Speak Now. 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 will be available for students to report an incident starting **January 31, 2019**. With parental consent, a child will be able download it 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elna Gomes".

Elna Gomes
Keaau Middle School, Principal