



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) and Students:

Your child's safety and well-being are very important to us. The Hawai'i State Department of Education (Department) wants every student to feel safe and welcome. We are sharing this information to help you understand school rules and supports.

The Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 19 explains how schools handle student behavior. It also tells you how to report bullying or harassment. Please talk with your child about these rules so they know what to do at school. You can read the rule and find the "Chapter 19 Complaint Form" at bit.ly/HIDOE-Chapter-19. You may also make a complaint in writing or by speaking with the school, the complex area, or the Civil Rights Compliance Branch.

Students in grades 4 through 12 can use the free Speak Now app to report bullying without giving their name. You can find it on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. To learn more, visit bit.ly/HIDOE-Speak-Now.

Along with these rules, the Department also provides the following:

- **School Safety Drills:** Students practice what to do in an emergency. To learn more, visit bit.ly/HIDOE-Keeping-Our-Schools-Safe.
- **Social and Emotional Learning:** Students build skills to get along with others and feel like they belong. To learn more, visit bit.ly/HIDOE_SEL.
- **Student Behavior, Mental Health, and Overall Well-Being:** The Department works to create safe, welcoming schools and to provide services for students who need support. To learn more, visit bit.ly/HIDOE-Here-to-HELP.

Should you have questions and/or would like a copy of the HAR Chapter 19, please contact your child's school administrator. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith T. Hayashi".

Keith T. Hayashi
Superintendent

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c: Office of Student Support Services