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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As most Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) schools began to formally transition to a SchoolMessenger text-messaging system this week, we would like to encourage you to opt in for this service.

As part of this transition, SchoolMessenger sent an automated text message on Monday, Aug. 27, 2018. Parents of students enrolled at schools participating in this service may opt in by texting "Y" or "Yes" to 67587. Opt out of these messages at any time by replying "Stop."

SchoolMessenger will only send this text message once. If you did not receive the text message, deleted it or chose not to opt in at this time, you may still enroll by visiting www.schoolmessenger.com and downloading the program's smartphone app.

Parents who replied to Monday's text will begin receiving alerts two weeks after their initial opt-in date. In the meantime, they will be alerted by a phone call and/or email, depending on the information parents provided. Please check with your child's school to ensure that your emergency contact information is accurate and current.

No action is required on the part of parents whose children attend schools that do not use the SchoolMessenger platform but received a text message.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call our Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness Branch at (808) 586-3457.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dann Carlson".

Dann Carlson
Assistant Superintendent