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Dear Kuhio Community,

Kuhio School is reaching out to our parents and community for help regarding an ongoing problem that we have been unable to rectify on our own. This issue has persisted despite ongoing efforts by the school, Department of Education and the enforcement of the HI Rev Stat 708-815: trespassing.

Feral chickens crow throughout the day and night, disrupting the neighborhood and interrupting sleep. They dig numerous holes searching for bugs, damaging the growth of plants and creating hazardous conditions for students, staff and community who may step in the holes and sprain their ankles.

Feral cats on campus urinate and defecate, causing a health and safety concern for our students. Cat feces carry bacteria that can cause people to get sick. Cats are breeding on campus in areas accessible to students, such as having kittens under the stairway of our playground. Additionally, we have found dead cats in various areas of the campus.

Community members who come on to the campus to feed these animals are actually trespassing. There has been an increase in the number of incidents of homeless people on our campus as well. Because these things are happening in the evening hours, after school is closed and there is no security to patrol the campus, there is no possible way for the school to ensure the safety of people on campus.

We love animals and our community, however, it is imperative that the school provides our students with a safe and healthy/sanitary environment.

This is the problem and how we are asking for your help.

- **Stop** the feeding of the wild chickens and feral cats. Feeding encourages their presence on campus.
- If you see anyone feeding the birds and animals, kindly ask them to stop!
- Traps are set up to catch the chickens around the campus. **Do not touch the traps.** The school is paying a high rental fee.
- If you must come on campus (e.g. walking for exercise) do not go behind buildings; stay in areas where there are other people or better lighting.

For community members who are filing complaints continually to the Superintendent, the school wants you to know that we are trying our best to attack the problem and need your help.

We ask for your kokua for the sake of the health and safety of the students and the welfare of our community. Malama Pono.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

Lynn M. Kobayashi
Principal of Kuhio School