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In reply, please refer to:  
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July 18, 2017

Michael M. Rockers, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Hawaii Catholic Schools  
6301 Pali Highway  
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

Dear Dr. Rockers:

The Department of Health (DOH) thanks you and the hardworking individuals at the Hawaii Catholic Schools for contributing to the successful implementation of the 2016–2017 Protect Hawaii's Keiki: Stop Flu at School program. Together, we vaccinated approximately 20,000 of Hawaii's schoolchildren in grades K–8 against seasonal flu and contributed to the overall health of our community.

DOH sincerely appreciates our decade-long partnership with the Hawaii Catholic Schools, which has contributed greatly to the overall success of the program. Unfortunately, given increasing financial and staffing constraints, we will no longer be able to continue the program in its large-scale, public/private format.

Although we are not able to offer Protect Hawaii's Keiki: Stop Flu at School clinics to your schools this coming year, we anticipate continuing our successful relationship with the Hawaii Catholic Schools. We remain partners and ready to collaborate with the Catholic Schools to educate students and school staff about diseases and their prevention with the aim of assuring the health of our community. Partnering with Hawaii schools is vital to the overall preparedness of our State to respond to public health crises, especially in times of limited resources.

Thank you for your consideration. If you need further information, please call Dr. Sarah Park, Disease Outbreak Control Division Chief at 587-6845.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia Pressler".

VIRGINIA PRESSLER, M.D.  
Director of Health