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The Ruidoso Municipal School District would like to clarify some media headlines that appeared regarding a student matter we recently addressed and resolved.

Late in the afternoon on Friday, August 26, 2022, our elementary school principal was made aware that a ten-year-old student had allegedly prepared a list of students who the student wanted to harm due to their alleged bullying. Upon investigating that report, the principal and the school counselor confirmed that the list was not a true threat to anyone, but was instead the immature act of a young student. The alleged bullying was also investigated and unsubstantiated. The student's conduct has been addressed in accordance with District policy.

On Monday, August 29, 2022, local law enforcement conducted their own investigation into the matter and confirmed that no students or staff were or had been at risk of harm. As the Ruidoso Police Department's Press Release correctly states, both the police department and the District found there to be no credible risk to any individual.

Ruidoso Municipal Schools takes any threats seriously and promptly investigates such safety issues, notifying law enforcement as determined to be necessary. We appreciate the community's interest in our District and can assure our families, students, and staff that this student matter was quickly and properly addressed.

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Superintendent, Ruidoso Municipal Schools