

# Ruidoso Municipal Schools

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Dear WME and District Parents/Guardians,

We hope this message finds you well and want to bring a recent incident to your attention and address the steps we have taken to ensure a safe and respectful learning environment for all students.

Today, it was brought to our attention that some students in one of our 5th grade classes were engaging in inappropriate behavior by playing games such as "Kiss, Marry, or Kill" and "Smash or Pass." These games are currently very popular and trending on internet sites and social media platforms such as youtube.com and TikTok; however, they are not appropriate to be played at school.

We immediately invited School Resource Officer Beltran to come and speak with the class regarding the seriousness of using threatening language in the school setting, especially when it is connected to or about others.

We kindly request all our parents to support us at home in furthering the discussion of acceptable and unacceptable language/communication within school and social settings. Reinforcing the significance of respectful communication will greatly contribute to maintaining a positive and safe learning environment for everyone.

As a school and district, we take any and all threats to student safety seriously and encourage students to report any threats or concerns immediately to school staff.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this incident or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe school environment for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and partnership.

Sincerely,

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Estimados padres/tutores de WME y del distrito:

Esperamos que este mensaje los encuentre bien y queremos llamar su atención sobre un incidente reciente y abordar los pasos que hemos tomado para garantizar un ambiente de aprendizaje seguro y respetuoso para todos los estudiantes.

Hoy, nos llamó la atención que algunos estudiantes en una de nuestras clases de quinto grado estaban teniendo un comportamiento no apropiado al jugar juegos como "Kiss, Marry, or Kill" y "Smash or Pass". Actualmente, estos juegos son muy populares y están de moda en sitios de Internet y plataformas de redes sociales como youtube.com y TikTok; sin embargo, no son apropiados para jugarlos en la escuela.

Inmediatamente invitamos al oficial de seguridad escolar Beltrán a venir y hablar con la clase sobre la gravedad del uso de lenguaje amenazante en el entorno escolar, especialmente cuando está relacionado con otros o sobre otros.

Solicitamos amablemente a todos nuestros padres que nos apoyen en casa para promover la discusión sobre lenguaje/comunicación aceptable e inaceptable dentro de los entornos escolares y sociales. Reforzar la importancia de la comunicación respetuosa contribuirá en gran medida a mantener un ambiente de aprendizaje positivo y seguro para todos.

Como escuela y distrito, tomamos en serio todas y cada una de las amenazas a la seguridad de los estudiantes y alentamos a los estudiantes a informar cualquier amenaza o inquietud de inmediato al personal de la escuela.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud con respecto a este incidente o cualquier otro asunto, no dude en contactarnos. Apreciamos mucho su cooperación para ayudarnos a mantener un ambiente escolar seguro para todos.

Gracias por su comprensión y colaboración.

Atentamente,

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