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Student safety is and will always be our priority at the Sierra Vista Unified School District. As Superintendent, it is my responsibility to promote an environment where students feel safe and are comfortable reporting *any* issue to their school or the District. We also strive to partner with our parents, guardians, and community members so they also feel comfortable in reporting *any* incident involving their student. This is the type of healthy environment that we expect to exist in all of our schools

As some of you may be aware, there have been social media postings recently that allege past misconduct by Buena High School staff members. To maintain the integrity of the investigation process, we will not comment directly on the allegations. However, I can share my expectations for any District employee, volunteer, visitor, or guest regarding these matters.

As educators, we assume the responsibilities as role models. When we interact with our students, we must treat them with respect and never take advantage of our ability to influence their behavior. We, as educators, hold a valued and special place in the community. Parents, guardians, and the community trust us with the day to day care of our students. We must never violate that trust.

If a student or parent notifies us, or we discover on our own, serious misconduct or unlawful behavior, the District will notify law enforcement authorities and undertake its own investigation. If the allegations are substantiated, appropriate disciplinary actions or other consequences will be taken and any required reporting to the Arizona Department of Education will occur.

Throughout the process, the District will fulfill its responsibilities to provide employees and students with applicable due process rights. If an employee were terminated, that item would appear on a Governing Board meeting agenda. This is the procedure that we follow in our district, without exception.

If anyone has information regarding alleged unlawful conduct by a SVUSD staff member, there are several ways to make a report:

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The Office of the Superintendent, Dr. Eric Holmes 520-515-2713

Buena High School Principal, Mrs. Nicole Young 520-515-2807

Joyce Clark Middle School Principal, Ms. Kathryn Wright 520-515-2933

Bella Vista Elementary School Principal, Dr. Mary Slaydon 520-515-2944

Carmichael Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Elizabeth Jimenez 520-515-2953

Huachuca Mountain Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Rose Martinez 520-515-2961

Pueblo del Sol Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Stephanie Quiroz 520-515-2977

Town & Country Elementary School Principal, Ms. Brenda Bland 520-515-2983

Village Meadows Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Michelle Wambach 520-515-2993

Thank you for your ongoing support of our District.

Dr. Eric Holmes

Superintendent

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