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Dear Parents, Guardians, and all Community Members,

Recently, our schools have been the focus of many comments on social media about bullying. These comments are very disturbing to me due to the life-long impact bullying can have on students and adults. We as a school district do not tolerate such behavior, nor are we allowed by law to do so. Our schools have clear policies and procedures, plus a handbook for each parent and student that outlines our stance on bullying of any kind, as well as the actions our teachers and administrators take when dealing with such behavior.

Are we perfect? The simple answer is no. However, from the beginning of my tenure as superintendent, the main focus I have had is to create a safe environment for our students and staff. A safe environment includes not only security improvements, but factors relating to bullying, social-emotional welfare, counseling services, and social workers that assist students in dealing with a multitude of factors. Our staff has participated in many training events focused on helping all students be successful, prepare for life after school, and to deal with difficult situations in their lives, not to mention the fundamentals of education, including reading, writing and arithmetic.

Even with everything we try to do as educators to help students be successful, we sometimes have disagreements with parents or students when dealing with various situations. Many times, it is a failure to communicate effectively on our part. Other times it is a lack of understanding of the various laws and policies we as a school district must follow. For example, parents will sometimes say that nothing was done to the bully, or the other students involved in an incident. Let me assure you that is not the case, but as a school district we are not allowed to discuss other students, or their consequences or discipline with someone that is not their parent or guardian.

Finally, I ask for your support in our schools. The best way to overcome an issue is through cooperation. We have an active Parent Advisory Committee at each school. Unfortunately, these committees are always short-handed. Come and volunteer at your child's school, you will see the great things our staff does each day. Come to a board meeting and meet your board members and school administrators. There are a multitude of ways you can participate with us. The best way to make a difference with bullying or any other issue we face in our schools is by working together. Our motto is WE ARE WILLCOX – ALL IN! This means we are one school district working together to be the best, and we are all in. Come be ALL IN with us! Together we can solve this problem and any other that may arise in the future.

Thank you for your support of our schools! Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. My email is kevin.davis@wusd13.org or you can call 520-384-8606.

WUSD Vision: Making a Difference In Our Children's Future!
WUSD Mission: Every Student Is Successful - Every Student Meets or Exceeds Arizona State Standards.
"As you think, so you are - as you imagine, so you become!"