

Friday, November 2, 2018

Dear Cibola Families,

On October 31, 2018, we placed a teacher on leave after allegations of inappropriate behavior. It is alleged that the teacher made a culturally insensitive remark to one student and snipped the hair of another student. It is alleged that these incidents occurred while the teacher was acting out what has been referred to as a Halloween stunt.

Whatever the reason, the words and action are unacceptable. The incidents are being investigated, and we will continue to work with the students and their families to assure they feel safe, respected, and comfortable at school.

Albuquerque Public Schools strives to create and nurture culturally-welcoming campuses. APS celebrates our community's cultural diversity and is vigilant in ensuring equity; these priorities are reflected in our existing processes and the departments dedicated to cultural awareness such as the Office of Equal Opportunity Services, Language and Cultural Equity, and the Office of Equity and Engagement.

APS is taking the necessary steps to investigate the allegations and will follow up with applicable educational options once the investigation is complete.

It is never, and will never be acceptable to demean anyone through words or behavior. We offer our sincerest apologies to anyone negatively impacted by this incident. Please take the time to talk within your own circle of family and friends about the importance of dignity in our lives.

In order to protect the privacy of those involved, we cannot provide additional information. Please know that at Cibola High School and across APS, we hold our staff to the highest standards and expect all students to be treated with the utmost respect.

Sincerely,

Pam Meyer  
Principal

Yvonne Garcia  
Associate Superintendent Learning Zone 3

Raquel Reedy  
Superintendent