



Willcox Unified School District #13

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Dear parents and guardians,

I'm reaching out in regard to the bus accident that occurred yesterday afternoon. I would first like to thank our staff and students for how they responded to the incident. Staff was professional and worked to care for students and notify parents as soon as possible. The students involved in the incident were calm and cooperative with staff, law enforcement and emergency medical providers. Law enforcement and EMS were extremely helpful and provided quick response and excellent care. We thank them for their service.

I can confidently assure you that communication was timely and accurate. As soon as the district was made aware of the accident our schools began communicating the information we had to parents. Phone calls were made, postings on social media went out and notices to parents through Class Dojo sent. Our first priority in an incident like this it to ensure student and staff safety. We first verify the information and make sure that everyone is safe, and cared for before making most announcements.

On scene, students were evacuated from the bus and cared for by staff until law enforcement arrived. Once the site was secured by law enforcement and students accounted for all students were seen by emergency medical providers on site before being released to parents or guardians. All remaining students were then transported home.

As a follow up our school district nurse is contacting any students at school who were involved in the incident regarding injuries or health concerns today. We are in the process of communicating with parents about any follow up needed. We also have multiple school counselors available for any students requiring that assistance.

To better help us communicate with you please make sure we have accurate telephone numbers and email addresses. Should emergencies occur we use that information to contact you. We also post information on the district and school websites and social media platforms during events. We also may use PowerSchool, ClassDojo or BrightArrow platforms. Please find out how to sign up for those tools at your child's school.

While this was a scary and unfortunate event to experience, we are so thankful that all our students and driver are safe. Our safety protocols were effective in managing the event, and staff reacted appropriately. We thank those that assisted. We also thank the families of those involved and the entire community for your support. Should you have any questions please contact the district office at 520-384-8600 or email me at kevin.davis@wusd13.org.

Kevin Davis, Superintendent

WUSD Mission: *To Continuously Expand Opportunities for Every Student.*

WUSD Vision: *Our vision is to be a model rural school district that empowers students to reach their full potential through trust, collaboration, transformative learning, life skills, and work-based experiences, fostering responsible and engaged citizens.*