



**Statement from Tempe Union Superintendent Dr. Kenneth R. Baca:**

*The event that took place today at Desert Vista will not be tolerated. It is unacceptable for any racial slur to be used regardless of intent. We need to understand that words matter. I can assure you the appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.*

**Letter to Parents from Desert Vista Principal Dr. Christine Barela:**

*Dear Desert Vista Families,*

*We want to let you know we share your outrage and disappointment over the actions of a handful of our students today.*

*We want to make it crystal clear those actions are unacceptable and will not be tolerated at Desert Vista. Those actions do not represent who we are as a campus.*

*We can assure you we will discipline these students in accordance with district policy and our student handbook. While we don't discuss individual discipline, we can tell you that in addition, the obvious need for sensitivity training will be addressed.*

*As a precaution, Phoenix Police will be increasing security at and around Desert Vista.*