Dear APS Community,

This week’s presidential election has left some of our students and families feeling anxious and afraid. The emotionally charged rhetoric we all heard over the last several months was unfortunate and likely won’t be forgotten any time soon.

It’s important to remember that children of all ages don’t always have the skills to cope with stressful situations, especially if the circumstances are perceived to threaten the child’s safety or well-being.

We ask that principals, teachers and school-based staff be particularly mindful of students’ feelings right now – especially in our most vulnerable communities – as a result of the tensions and deep divisions we continue to experience as a nation.

Schools have always been safe havens for our students. Be assured that in the days, weeks and months ahead we will continue to focus on the education of our students. I want to take this moment to emphasize that the election outcomes do not change our direction, priorities, mission, or values. Albuquerque Public Schools continues to remain dedicated to maintaining positive school climates that promote student learning and development. Please encourage your student to talk with a trusted adult at school or home if he or she feels overwhelmed or fearful by recent events. Counselors at your school are also available if needed.

Albuquerque Public Schools embraces diversity. We value all our students and are here to help if you need us.

Sincerely,

Raquel Reedy
Superintendent