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Dear Families,

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, it was reported that racial slurs were uttered by an unknown individual who posed as a student and was admitted into the Google classroom. Safety and security is the highest priority of the Riverside Unified School District. Administration was notified immediately and began an investigation. The racial slurs used by this individual clearly had a disruptive effect within the classroom and understandably caused many students to feel upset. Sierra Middle School is taking appropriate action to prevent this kind of disruption from occurring again in the future.

Please take a moment to reassure and remind your student that if they ever see or hear something that causes them concern about their safety, well-being, or makes them feel uncomfortable in any way, they can tell yourself and a trusted adult staff member. During 5<sup>th</sup> period class today, our SAP counselor, Mrs. Clarissa Madore, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Zepeda-Selegue, and I joined the class to check on the students' well-being. During the discussion, Mrs. Madore and Ms. Forbes reminded them that they can share concerns or receive support from our SAP counselors, staff members, and school administrators at any time.

If your student would like to meet with one of our SAP counselors tomorrow regarding this incident, please contact me. I will connect your child with a counselor as soon as possible. I want to thank those individuals that brought this issue to our attention.

If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,

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