RAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

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Dear Ray Unified School District Families:

The safety of our students and staff remains the highest priority of Ray Unified School District. The District is partnering with the Arizona Department of Corrections to use approved inmate work crews for selected maintenance and grounds-improvement projects on District property.

These individuals are referred to as inmate work crews. They perform approved work in communities and schools under the supervision of Correctional Officers. An Arizona Department of Corrections employee will also check in with the crews throughout the day.

The program at Ray Unified School District will be directed by Ms. Charlene Quesada, who has more than 20 years of experience working with and supervising inmates.

Program safeguards and expectations

- Work will occur Tuesday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- The inmate work crews will be supervised by Correctional Officers, with an Arizona Department of Corrections employee checking in throughout the day.
- Assignments may include maintenance, landscaping, painting, cleanup, and other approved facility-improvement projects.
- Inmate workers will not engage or interact with students.
- Inmate workers will not enter classrooms or instructional areas during the school day.
- District administrators and correctional personnel will coordinate work to maintain appropriate separation from students and normal school operations.

Similar inmate work crews are used by the Towns of Hayden, Winkelman, and Kearny, as well as Hayden-Winkelman Unified School District. Ray Unified School District will continue to place student safety first while maintaining clean, safe, and attractive campuses and responsibly managing taxpayer resources.

If you have questions or concerns about this program, please contact Charlene Quesada at charlene_quesada@rayusd.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeremi Brewer
Superintendent

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