



GALLUP-McKINLEY
COUNTY SCHOOLS

PRESS RELEASE

April 7, 2022

The District is highly disappointed by the illegal, damaging and disrespectful behavior by several students in the early morning of April 1, 2022. Breaking and entering, vandalism, and destruction of school property is illegal and is considered criminal activity. The investigation, including security camera video footage, of this incident is on-going. The District has identified and submitted the names of several students who are involved in this illegal incident to Gallup Police Department. As the investigation is on-going at this time, additional individuals may be identified.

Students, staff, and our community members should not be subject to this type of negative experience. The Gallup High School Staff and Student's learning environment was completely disrupted and disrespected. Students and staff, especially our hardworking custodians, should never have to walk into a school that was covered in graffiti (including vulgar images), trash, multiple impediments to stairways and hallways, damage to the offices, floors, walls, and other interior structures.

It is exceptionally disturbing that anyone would try to condone this illegal and inappropriate activity by labeling it as a "prank". Individuals condoning this behavior would likely have a different perspective on this event if the same illegal entrance and vandalism was done to the interior of their homes. These activities do not represent our student body and any individuals involved should be prepared to accept the consequences of their choices and actions.