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DATE: November 30, 2018
TO: NMSU Employees
FROM: Chancellor Dan Arvizu
SUBJECT: Stay Safe

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Arvizu".

As New Mexico's land-grant research university and a Hispanic-serving institution, New Mexico State University serves a multi-cultural population of faculty, staff and students. The welfare of the campus community is a top priority and a shared responsibility that works best when we are all committed to ensuring the safety of one another. We take this responsibility very seriously because safe living, learning and working environments are more productive.

We work to maintain the safety and security of our campus by constantly reviewing the safety measures we have in place and identifying opportunities to make our campus safer. Our university has professionally certified Police and Fire Departments that directly serve the Las Cruces campus and support the NMSU system. They work in concert with our emergency planning and university CARE teams to focus on prevention and preparedness. We need all of you to work with us, giving us feedback about potential hazards and reporting crimes or behaviors of concern when they are observed.

Crime prevention is an important part of campus safety. We are taking steps to help our campus community recognize the patterns for misconduct that could lead to criminal behavior -- before it happens. The university prides itself on being a safe environment for individuals to report a crime. If you see something, say something; in an emergency, call 911.

Reporting all crimes, especially sexual assault, is one crucial part of campus safety. Some studies indicate a person in the U.S. is sexually assaulted every 98 seconds and 70% do not report the attack. This crime impacts universities across the country. We take a serious approach to eliminating this crime with zero tolerance and a focus on educating NMSU in how to recognize and take steps to prevent it.

Our new website, <https://staysafe.nmsu.edu/> is here to provide you quick access to resources to help you stay safe at NMSU. Designed to be used in a non-emergency situation, this website can direct you to useful information so you can be proactive about your own safety and the safety of others.

Thank you and Stay Safe at NMSU.