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To our NMSU students, their parents, our employees, our Aggie alumni and our fans:

I'm certain many of you have heard of the devastating events that unfolded this weekend in Albuquerque ahead of our basketball game against the University of New Mexico. There are some details that we know, but unfortunately, there is some important information we still do not know. I believe it's important that no one rush to judgement until all the facts are made available.

We know that one of our student athletes is now in the hospital following an altercation on the UNM campus. We also know another person has lost their life following that altercation. Any untimely passing is a tragedy, but it's especially heartbreaking when it involves students and happens on a university campus. I've spoken with UNM President Garnett Stokes and relayed my sympathies and those of our entire NMSU community.

Both universities agreed to postpone the basketball game and our team returned home yesterday. Some of our Athletics personnel stayed behind in Albuquerque to be with our student athlete. NMSU personnel have been in contact with investigators and have been cooperating with law enforcement throughout.

The additional circumstances surrounding this incident are still being investigated. As a result, there isn't much further we can say at this time. I'm confident all the relevant details will come out in time. That information will then help to inform our next steps as a university.

I realize this situation may cause some of our students and employees to feel uneasy. We encourage anyone who may need additional support, including counseling services, to contact the Aggie Health and Wellness Center at 575-646-1512.

Sincerely,

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

Dan E. Arvizu
Chancellor