

Explanation of surveys for posting with summaries on CAB website:

In October, 2018, the Doña Ana County Coalition Against Bullying invited RJ Mitte (of *Breaking Bad*) to address students of the Las Cruces Public School system about bullying. As a person with a disability, he experienced bullying as a school child. He was called names and suffered some physical injuries as well. As a result, he has campaigned for an anti-bullying message. In that light, he spoke about hope and encouragement to elementary and middle school students.

The Coalition Against Bullying decided to assess the impact of the messages he delivered both to students and teachers through a brief and informal questionnaire. A summary of the results of those surveys to both students and teachers is presented below.

# Doña Ana County Coalition Against Bullying

## RJ Mitte Presentation Survey

### Student Survey



Surveys were completed and returned by 165 students. This is a summary and sampling of some of their observations and comments.

*Not long ago, you had a presentation by RJ Mitte about bullying. We would like to give Mr. Mitte some feedback about his presentation to you. We would like to have you answer three questions about the presentation.*

1. What do you remember from the RJ Mitte talk on bullying?
  - It should be noted that more than 80 students, one of the highest number of responses, recalled the RJ Mitte was bullied himself.

Other notable responses to this question:

A summary of student comments on this question included:

- Multiple comments about NOT bullying and being mindful of who one “hangs out with.”
- Many commented that they recalled that bullying “...can lead to worse things.”
- Several students noted that Mr. Mitte has a disability himself, which they found encouraging and help them feel similar to him
- Several students noted that they recalled that Mr. Mitte encouraged a positive self-concept and not to let what other kids say influence what you think about yourself
- A number noted that they recalled he said that kids who bully might have trouble at home.
- Bullies have been bullied themselves
- It feels sad to be bullied and it hurts

2. What is something you learned from this speaker? How can you use it in the future?

- Several commented that one should not “make fun or judge others on their appearance, speech” or other physical characteristics
- Kids should be thoughtful about the choices they make so they can be good choices
- Find someone to tell if you are being bullied; a trusted adult.
- We should stick up for our friends
- Don't keep silent
- Stand up for yourself
- Sometimes other people go through the same thing you are
- Not to use our problems against someone else
- Bullying should not be taken as a joke
- Step in if you see someone being bullied

3. Would you be interested in hearing another presentation on bullying?

- There were over 100 “yes” responses to this question

Other responses to this item included:

- I want to learn more about what some kids go through because of bullying
- Some felt that the talk by Mr. Mitte was quite inspiring
- Many felt that he was talking directly to them and that he understood them
- Some students felt more prepared to handle the situation if they were bullied

The students were asked if there was anything else they wanted to add about the presentation:

- Many said that they liked it
- Many were also impressed about how open he was about how he was bullied himself
- Thank you
- One person commented that it was “An amazing presentation.”
- Another asked “Can he come again?”