
August 7, 2020

Dear Tri-community, San Manuel Alumni, MSMUSD School Board, Superintendent Mrs. Julie Dale-Scott and San Manuel Student Body:

Please accept my deepest apologies for the error in judgment in discarding the trophies. It was not an intentional action of disrespect to the "Miner Pride". The original plan was to beautify the facilities, creating a Hall of Fame and only display State Championship, State Runner-up, Sectional Championship and Sectional Runner-ups trophies in the gym lobby to make room for these future trophies and for the Hall of Fame Board. In going through 67 years of athletic awards many of these were recovered from storage boxes and were cleaned up and placed in the trophy cases. The trophies that didn't meet this criteria were supposed to be placed in the upstairs storage room on the balcony of the gym. This task was partially completed by summer workers. The error in judgement came when returning from summer break it was realized not all trophies were stored and left in the lobby of the gym. Instructions were given that the area had to be cleared of the trophies for back-to school staff meetings. That's when the mistake was made and the trophies were placed in the trash. If I could get a do over I would have placed them in a box and left them on the lobby floor for someone to help get them upstairs. I am sorry for my role in this matter and the backlash it has caused for the School Board members and our Superintendent. I will learn and grow from this experience

I spend many hours a day working hard to showcase how great our school is and I hope when the community sees the new Hall of Fame Wall and the trophy cases my "Miner Pride" will be obvious. The circumstances were not planned and is a misunderstanding as the Mammoth-San Manuel School District has previously said in a statement via social media and news outlets on August 5th and 6th, 2020. My focus is to honor the past, celebrate the new accomplishments of the present with "Miner Pride" and in the future all trophies and awards will be showcased.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



J. Damon Lovato, Jr.