



RUNGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Yellowjacket Nation,

We are off to a strong start this school year, and I want to thank you for your partnership in supporting our students. In my recent classroom visits, I have seen firsthand that our teachers are teaching and our students are learning. Many of our students have gotten off to a great start, and we want to keep that momentum going.

Unfortunately, we have already seen some students missing valuable instructional time. In just nine days of school, we have students with unexcused absences, and attendance letters are already being mailed home. Please know that if you receive an attendance letter, it is extremely important that you take it seriously.

Students cannot learn if they are not in the classroom. This includes being present for the full day—arriving late or leaving early, especially at the elementary level, causes significant interruptions to learning. Our Staffuly is working hard to implement best practices and strategies that help every child succeed. However, even the strongest instruction cannot overcome the loss of instructional time due to poor attendance.

It is frustrating when negative comments about our district circulate on social media regarding accountability ratings, because the truth is simple: students cannot achieve their full potential if they are not seated in class and learning every day. Attendance is directly tied to both student success and our district's accountability.

We want this to be a positive year for all students, and we are committed to working with you to make that happen. Together, we can ensure that every child has the best opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and schools.

Educationally Yours,

Hector O. Dominguez, Jr.
Superintendent