



West Sonoma County Union High School District

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**ANALY HIGH SCHOOL ♦ EL MOLINO HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Parents and schools play key roles in furthering each student's education. We need your help getting your student to school every single day, for two big reasons. First, your student needs to physically be in school to get the maximum reward from his or her learning program. Second, the main source of public school funding is from student attendance. Every day of attendance generates approximately \$35.00 to help run your student's school. When your student is absent *for any reason*, the student and the school both lose.

Of course we do not advocate students who are ill coming to school where their illness could worsen or other students and staff could contract the same illness. The well-being of students is vitally important to all of us. However, students and adults must realize that schools receive no daily student funds for kids who aren't in school, even if they have an excused absence from home. We especially need your help getting your student to school when little reasons come up like, "I didn't do my homework!" or "It's too nice out to go to school!"

If your student *must* miss several days in a row due to an unavoidable reason, please contact your school office to arrange to take work with you. Some families who plan a trip with their students during school time have offered to reimburse the school for lost funds. Anyone who cares to may make appropriate arrangements through your school or my office (824-6412).

Please help maximize your student's school success while maximizing school funds to support your student's educational program. Work with your student to get him or her to school each and every possible school day.

Thank you for being our partner in your student's education!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keller McDonald".

Keller McDonald
Superintendent

"The mission of the West Sonoma County Union High School District is to provide high quality instruction as student achievement is our top priority."