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Brookings-Harbor Voices PSA – Graduation Culture

Hi, this is Sean Gallagher – Brookings Harbor School District 17C Superintendent here to talk to you about strengthening our graduation culture within our community. We know that graduation rates are going up at Brookings Harbor High School, but we need community support to expedite the process with a goal of reaching a 100% graduation rate within a few years.

Historical graduation rates for BHHS have oscillated in the high 50 percentiles to mid 60 percentiles for years. This has been accompanied with high drop-out rates. Research recently conducted by Henry Levin in 2006 has found significant links between high school graduation rates and quality of life. Socioeconomic status, personal health, lifespan, the need for social services, etc... are all connected to graduation rates. I know that we all want the very best for our children. Join me in this campaign to significantly increase our graduation rates. The school district cannot do this without community support in the following manner:

1. Ensure students are in school any time school is in session. If a student is not present in the classroom, then they are simply not learning.
2. Graduation starts in Kindergarten, not a student's senior year of high school. We all need to make sure our students are doing the very best they can at all times.
3. Encourage students to be active in extracurricular activities. When a student feels more connected to school, they are more likely to stay in school.
4. Ensure students are getting proper nutrition and rest on a daily basis. The school district has great food service programs for students who live in challenging socio economic conditions.

I hope this public service announcement will encourage you to join me in this campaign to strengthen our graduation culture and graduation rates.

Remember that only together we can ensure that Every Student Can Succeed here at Brookings-Harbor School District