## Welcome to the 2024-25 School Year at Mingus Union High School!

As the summer draws to a close, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for the return of our students. We look forward to another year of growth, achievement, and success. Our vision statement: **Every Student Celebrated. Every Student Prepared**, continues to guide our efforts in creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all our students.

Education is a powerful tool that opens doors to new opportunities, cultivates critical thinking, and inspires a lifelong love of learning. At Mingus Union, we are committed to providing a high-quality education that empowers our students to reach their full potential. Our dedicated teachers and staff work tirelessly to create a nurturing and challenging environment where students can thrive. We are grateful for their unwavering commitment to our students' success.

Preparing students for life beyond high school is a primary goal at Mingus Union. Whether your child plans to attend college or enter the workforce, we offer comprehensive college and career readiness programs designed to equip them with the skills and knowledge needed to achieve their dreams.

Our Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs offer students hands-on experience and practical skills in various fields. These programs not only prepare students for immediate employment but also provide a strong foundation for further education and career advancement.

Dual Enrollment (DE), Advanced Placement (AP), and honors courses are also an integral part of our academic offerings. Our partnership with Yavapai College allows our students to experience college-level coursework and by the time they graduate, many of our students have already earned credits boosting them in their college journey. AP and honors courses challenge our students and prepare them for the rigor of college academics. They provide an excellent opportunity for students to enhance their college applications and develop the skills necessary for success in higher education.

In addition to our course offerings, our school offers dozens of clubs that cater to a wide range of interests. From academic clubs to special interest groups, there is something for everyone. Participation in these activities helps students develop leadership skills, build lasting friendships, and explore new interests.

Our accomplished theater, fine arts, choir, band, agriculture, and athletic programs provide students with opportunities to showcase their talents and pursue their passions. These programs are a source of pride for our school and community.

Staying connected and informed is crucial for success. We encourage all parents and students to utilize the PowerSchool app to access grades & attendance records. Additionally, our school website, www.mingusunion.com, is a valuable resource for finding the bell schedule, school calendar, and student handbook. Regularly checking these resources will help ensure that you are up-to-date with all school-related information and events.

We look forward to a fantastic school year filled with achievements, growth, and memorable experiences. Together, let's make 2024-2025 a year to remember at Mingus Union High School. Thank you for being part of our school community, and we can't wait to see what we will accomplish together.

Sincerely,

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