***PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Do you know how to continue supporting/encouraging your child while he/she is in high school?***

I know from experience that it is difficult to have teenagers at home (my husband and I have two boys) but I found that the support, encouragement and help that we provided for them during the elementary and middle school years had to continue throughout the high school years as well.

Please do not be offended by this --- I just want to encourage you to “stay on top” of what your child is doing and keep encouraging them to do their very best. Their high school grades are very important as they prepare for graduation, higher education and/or the work force.

What can parents do to help their student(s) do much better while attending high school? I have a checklist of suggestions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns (ritam@susd12.org or 545-5410).

Checklist for Parents:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Does your son/daughter stay after school for tutoring?

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Does your son/daughter complete his/her homework every night?

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Does your son/daughter turn in their homework on a timely basis (by the due date)?

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Does your son/daughter check with their teacher to make up work, quizzes, tests, etc., after an absence?

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Do you know how to check your son’s/daughter’s grades in Power School? If not, please contact the Sunnyside High School Parent Involvement Assistant, Ms. Arlene Gonzalez, at 545-5347.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Do you check their grades periodically (preferably before the end of the grading period)?

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Do you ask your son/daughter what he/she can do to improve their grade before contacting their teacher? (They usually have a very good idea why they have the grade they have and what they need to do to improve their grades.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Do you know how to contact all of their teachers either by phone or by e-mail?

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. Do you know how to contact their high school counselor?

Thank you for all your help and continued support.

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