



EAST OTERO SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1

Central Administrative Office

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Hello Parents:

I wanted to take this time to touch base and let you know that we are in the process of improving how we are working for your students at our Intermediate School. Although we have made some gains and improvements, I believe there is more that we can do. We are in the process of really examining everything from the structure of our administrative team all the way down to the social climate for our students. I want you all to know that every decision and effort is to try to provide the best education experience possible for your students.

One immediate change that you will find is we are in the process of reassigning some duties at the administrative level. For the students, there will be minimal change, but for parents and staff, the change is pretty significant. Mr. Aragon has been transferred to a different position to better serve the needs of the district. Mrs. Westfall will maintain in her role and hopefully we can continue to build consistency in the areas of discipline. I, along with additional support from our administrative team, will be handling the majority of staff and other interactive operations with parents and community. We are going to spend the next several weeks really looking to see where we need the most support and will move forward from there. If you have concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to call me directly at 384-6909.

At this time, everyone is well aware that our school is on turnaround status at the state level. If we continue to do what we have always done, we are most likely to get the same results. I want to spend time really learning and understanding what we can do to differently to make things better. I believe that we can make a difference if we listen and learn from you as parents, but more importantly, the students themselves. With this in mind, I am personally spending more time over the next several weeks at the Intermediate School to learn. Hopefully, this process will allow us to come to some solutions in those areas that seem to be a continuous struggle for all of us.

I want to thank you for your continued support of our schools and hope to continue to build bridges to connect us with you and your students. We are all in this together!

Respectfully,

Rick Lovato
Superintendent