RPS Joins National Push to Promote Attendance

WHAT: Richmond Public Schools will join organizations and school districts across the nation in recognition of September as Attendance Awareness Month. As part of this national effort, the district will hold a kick-off press conference that will highlight both the current and future efforts of the district’s Every Day Counts attendance campaign launched earlier this year, and outline a three-year plan of action.

WHO: Richmond City Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Lewis, Victoria Oakley, Angela Jones, RPS partners and members of the Richmond City School Board

WHEN: Wednesday, August 28
10:30 a.m.

WHERE: 301 North 9th Street
School Board Conference Room
City Hall, 17th Floor

BACKGROUND: Chronic absenteeism has risen to epidemic proportions. According to Attendance Works, one of several national initiatives leading the attendance awareness charge, as many as 7.5 million students miss nearly one month of school each year. This September, school districts across the nation are participating in a collaborative effort to highlight the dangers of chronic absenteeism and stress the importance of on-time attendance every day.

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