City and State Leaders Urge Students to Attend School on Time, Every Day

WHAT  As San Francisco’s public school students prepare to head back to school on August 15, several leaders join forces to send a message to children and their families about the importance of school attendance and report out on progress.

WHEN  Thursday, August 11 / 2 p.m.

WHERE  Leonard R. Flynn Elementary / 3125 Cesar Chavez St.

WHO  State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson
Senator Mark Leno
Senator Leland Yee
Assemblymember Tom Ammiano
SF District Attorney George Gascon
SF Board of Education President Hydra Mendoza
SFUSD Superintendent Carlos Garcia
Students, parents and teachers

WHY  Curbing truancy and absenteeism is a focus for state and city leaders as it hampers academic success, leads to students dropping out, increases crime and causes schools to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in state funding.

AUDIO/ VISUAL: City and state leaders speaking in a school library. Teachers preparing for the start of the school year. Students talking about why they are excited to go back to school.

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