

Union Public schools kick off nationwide program

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Union Public Schools made a big announcement on Wednesday morning.

The district will be the first in the state to kick off a nationwide campaign to get parents more involved in their children's lives.

The new program, known as 'Be There', will become a part of all 17 schools in the district.

Union parents and educators decided to kick things off this morning with a bang.

The Union drum-line and varsity cheerleaders were on before the big announcement. School officials said they wanted to start out right by creating excitement for the program.

The idea behind the campaign is to bring parents and their children closer together.

Whether by simply putting down their cell phones or mp3 players during the after school drive or by volunteering for a few hours on their child's campus.

Parents are even encouraged to stop in the schools for a lunchtime break, no matter what grade their child is in.

"Sometimes they can come drop by on their lunch hour, and than leave, it's being there for your child and having an opportunity to engage as often as possible, this can be done at school or at home," said Union Council President, Stephanie Goekeler.

Parents will be getting some newsletters in the mail about the new nationwide, 'Be There' campaign.