



YAVAPAI SPEAKS: INTERVIEW WITH TOM HORNE, ARIZONA SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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Lyle Rapacki, host of Yavapai Speaks, talks to Tom Horne, the Arizona Superintendent of Public instruction. According to Mr. Horne, there is a 29% absence rate in grades 1-8 in Arizona school. Students are absent over 18 days of the school year. This has to end. Parents need to understand that there are consequences for not sending the kids to school, such as flunking.

Tom wants to go back to the basics and do away with the distractions. Administrators are being too lax with kids being absent. Students (and parents) need to be held accountable.

Lyle asked about the problems of cellphones in the classroom. A bill was passed in the Arizona Legislature to deal with this problem, but Gov. Hobbs vetoed it.

Tom mentioned that a bill was presented to the Legislature to give all teachers a \$10,000 raise. But the teachers' unions were against it, and got it voted down.