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Yavapai County School Superintendent Steve King is excited to announce the appointment of Matt Chavez to the Mingus Union High School Governing Board, effective February 12, 2026, through December 31, 2026. He fills the position previously held by Ashley Koepnick, and Superintendent King expresses his appreciation for Koepnick's dedicated service.

Mr. Chavez is a firefighter with Verde Valley Fire District, an active community member and parent, and long-time resident of the district having attended Cottonwood Elementary School, Cottonwood Middle School, and Mingus Union High School. He is a strong supporter of public schools, and proudly stated "between the afterschool programs, education, and consistency, public school saved me and my mother's life." Superintendent King is confident he will serve as a knowledgeable, dedicated, and competent board member.

The appointment comes after a comprehensive interview process and Mr. King was extensively impressed with the caliber of the candidates' integrity and dedication that were interviewed. He is very hopeful for the future of the Mingus Union High School District. For further inquiries, please contact Education Elections Coordinator Audrey Isley at 928-442-5138 or audrey.isley@yavapaiaz.gov.