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**McCaskey High School
Athletic Department
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Dear Red Tornado Jr. High Football Family,

It's not very often that a decision is made which changes the course of a program and community. The decision to combine our middle school football teams into one program is that type of decision. This year, all 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students will participate as part of a consolidated Jr. High football program at McCaskey High School. As we do with many of our programs, the 7th and 8th grade students will be bused to and from Martin, Wheatland, Reynolds, and Jackson Middle Schools to the campus and back.

For years, surrounding school districts have kept their Jr. High athletes together in an effort to provide the maximum competitiveness at this level. Modeling the format of the rest of the league will offer us several benefits:

- One team builds unity, provides a clear vision of the expectations & processes, and results in better alignment with the high school program.
- A larger coaching staff provides more individualized instruction through the ability to have position coaches.
- More athletes provides the ability to have more specialization.
- Athletes in the 7th/8th grade who are ready for higher levels of competition will be able to play in the Jr. High Varsity games (Wednesday), while 9th grade athletes who may not be ready for a Jr. High varsity level can gain experience in the Jr. High JV game (Thursday).
- Higher participation numbers and continuity of teammates from the youth to the Jr. High level should provide a more competitive team.
- Programs with successful youth & Jr. High programs, have successful high school programs

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jr. High Head Coach, Quintin Owens (quintinowens@sd Lancaster.org / 396-6810 ext. 31683) or call the Athletic Office (291-6198).

We are now one program, united and working together! We are extremely excited about this and welcome you into the Red Tornado Family. One Tornado; One Family!

McCaskey Proud,



Jonathan E. Mitchell
Athletic Director



Samuel London, III
Head Varsity Coach



Quintin Owens
Head Jr. High Coach

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." -Aristotle