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**GOOD ATTENDANCE = SCHOOL SUCCESS!**



High School  
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

August, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we begin a new school year, I would like to remind you of the importance of good attendance. Naturally, if your child is ill we want them to stay home to recuperate. We also understand that at other times an absence is necessary for a myriad of events. However, daily attendance is crucial for your child to succeed in school. It is also one of the main factors employers review prior to hiring. Everyone understands the importance of being in school or on the job.

Research has shown that your child's attendance may be the biggest factor influencing his or her academic success. Daily attendance assists your child with the ability to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments. Also, students who attend school regularly are more likely to pass assessments.

By being present at school, your child is also learning good citizenship, as they are participating in the school community while learning valuable social skills.

Consequences of missing class can include falling behind on lessons and poorer performance on tests. Chronic absenteeism increases achievement gaps at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

Let us work together to ensure that our students are in school every day ready to learn and meet and conquer the challenges of the day.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael A. Wanko  
Interim Superintendent

## How Can I Help My Teenager Do Well In School!

1. Talk to your teenager about their school work and help them to plan their workload.
2. Help your child to plan their school work and social priorities.
3. Be available to talk with your teenager when they want to talk.
4. Be ready to talk about tough issues with no judgment.
5. Be aware of the issues in your teenager's life, school, and circle of friends.
6. Keep an eye out for some of the issues children face like: body image, self-esteem, bullying, drug and/or alcohol abuse.
7. Make sure your teenager gets enough sleep, exercise, good food, and fresh air.
8. Talk about social media and how it affects them.
9. Encourage reasonable usage of social media.
10. Talk with your teenager about their dreams for after school and help them to plan for their future!

Parents, family and friends play an important role in a teenager's learning. Completing high school is important to further education, training and work. During this time, it is important that they are encouraged to be engaged in their educational career.

**ATTENDANCE COUNTS!**



**EVERY DAY, ALL DAY, ALL THE WAY!**