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Dear BBOED Family,

Welcome to 2020! As we enter a new year and a new decade, it is time to take stock of our goals for the future. One of my most important goals for this year is **attendance**. In order for students to learn and achieve to their fullest potential, they must be in school and engaged in the learning process. Not only does poor attendance impact a child's ability to succeed, it is a powerful predictor of a student's risk of dropping out of school altogether.

However, I am pleased to say that attendance is definitely on the upswing for the 2019-2020 school year but we have room for improvement. With the assistance of new initiatives being put into place by the school district and your cooperation, I am sure 2020-2021 will be our best year yet.

On the third Monday of January, we all celebrate the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was one of the chief spokespersons for nonviolent civil rights in America. We are all familiar with his quote, "I Have a Dream" which was taken from his August 28, 1963 speech from the *March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom*. Throughout January, students are taking part in a number of enriching activities in an effort to understand the impact Dr. King had and continues to have upon our country and communities and his significance to American culture and history.

Currently students in grades three and seven are taking the InView assessment. This assessment is a cognitive abilities test which measures a student's ability to use information and apply it in various ways. The results are then used to help teachers determine the strengths of each student in order to provide more effective instruction in the classrooms.

Important Dates:

January 20, 2020	schools closed – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 31, 2020	schools closed – Staff Training & Development Day
February 11, 2020	abbreviated schedule – elementary
February 14, 2020	Free Dress-Down Day – Valentine's Day (wear red)
February 17, 2020	schools closed – Presidents Day
February 28, 2020	Rare Disease Awareness Day
Month of February	Black History Month

Go Bees!

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