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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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We are so excited for a brand new school year. A new school year provides each student with a fresh start. **A fresh start is a positive start! Let's start learning from day one!** This year we want to make sure all of our students are attending school on-time and on a regular basis.

Each day that your child is absent, regardless of whether it is excused or unexcused, he/she misses valuable instructional and social time.

- In PreK, chronic absences predict poor attendance and academic performance in later grades.
- Students with high absences in kindergarten and 1st grade were less likely to be proficient readers by 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance becomes a better predictor of dropout rates than 8th grade test scores.

If there are any reasons why your child is not able to attend school on a regular basis, or your child has a chronic medical condition preventing he/she from coming to school please contact me or the attendance manager in the front office at your student's school to discuss your student's educational options. Additionally, I may meet with your student at school in the coming weeks, if they are in middle or high school, to discuss good attendance patterns this school year.

We want to partner with you to ensure that your child has a fun and successful year!

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STUDENTS FIRST

