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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! You play a vital role in your child's academic success. The first step to academic achievement is establishing school attendance habits. Student attendance is critical to student achievement at all grade levels. Research shows when students attend school regularly they have a better academic performance success.

We are focusing our school efforts to improve student attendance because we want all of our students to succeed. We will promote daily attendance through incentives, awards, parent/guardian education, professional development, and community partnerships.

We encourage you to take vacations on non-school days. The school calendar has been designed so vacations can be planned around student off days. One example of this is that students will have off from school on Wednesday, November 6th. This is the day prior to the NJEA Convention when students are already off from school. This calendar adjustment will allow students to have an extended vacation while missing less school.

It is important that your child be present at school every day and on time. Here are some suggestions to establish positive attendance habits:

- Create morning and evening routines
- Schedule all appointments for your child during non-school hours
- Post school calendars and schedules in a visible place
- Plan family vacations on non-school days only
- Help your child develop a positive attitude toward school by encouraging him/her to participate in school activities
- Communicate with your child's teachers and academic counselor on a regular basis

We look forward to working with you to help your child succeed in school! If you have any questions or would like to receive additional information regarding our attendance program, please contact your child's school.

Sincerely Yours,

Dr. David Salvo