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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you know, school attendance is vital to the growth and development of every student academically and to their overall well-being. Our school board is committed to supporting parents and students in efforts to achieve this success.

Your school is dedicated to helping your student develop the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social and physical capabilities to live fully and to meet the future challenges of adult roles and responsibilities. The school can best contribute to the education and development of students when a partnership is formed.

Although at times absences cannot be avoided, our Board would like to recommend that where possible, students do not miss extensive amounts of instructional time (i.e., extended vacations, etc.).

As parents there are many responsibilities and one responsibility is to ensure that your student is in school every day, ready to learn. In fact, it is the law. The **Ontario Education Act** states that *every child between the ages of 6 and 18 years is required to attend school every day* from the first school day in September until the last school day in June.

We appreciate and value the partnership we have with parents working collaboratively to keep students in school. Our joint efforts in supporting regular attendance will assist in ensuring academic success and wellbeing through the educational journey.

Strategies to support regular attendance can be obtained through your school Social Worker.

Together, we can achieve academic success.

*"Every School Day Counts"*



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