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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I trust this message finds you and your family in good health and high spirits. As we embark on a new school year filled with promise and opportunities, I want to take a moment to emphasize the critical role that regular attendance plays in your child's education and overall success.

Attendance is more than just a daily routine; it is a cornerstone of academic achievement, personal growth, and future success. When students attend school consistently, they are not only present in body but also actively engaged in the learning process, contributing to a vibrant and dynamic classroom environment.

POLICY UPDATES: (Please click on links below)

- ✓ [Attendance Policy](#)
- ✓ [Attendance Regulation](#)

Here are a few key reasons why attendance matters:

- 1. Academic Achievement:** Consistent attendance allows students to receive uninterrupted instruction, participate in discussions, ask questions, and fully grasp the concepts being taught. Regular classroom engagement has a direct positive impact on academic performance and progress.
- 2. Social and Emotional Growth:** Attending school regularly helps students build meaningful relationships with their peers and teachers. These connections provide a strong foundation for social and emotional growth, boosting their self-esteem, confidence, and interpersonal skills.
- 3. Skill Development:** Education is a cumulative process. Each day of instruction contributes to the development of critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and other essential life skills. Missing school can lead to gaps in understanding that may be challenging to bridge.
- 4. Preparedness for the Future:** Consistent attendance instills a sense of responsibility and punctuality that are valuable traits in the professional world. By attending school regularly, students are better prepared to meet future academic and career challenges.

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As parents and guardians, you play an integral role in ensuring your child's regular attendance.

We kindly request your support in the following ways:

- 1. Prioritize Attendance:** Make attendance a priority and emphasize its importance to your child. Encourage them to be present every school day, unless they are genuinely unwell.
- 2. Communicate:** If your child must miss school due to illness or a family emergency, please notify the school as soon as possible. Open lines of communication help us provide the necessary support. Please see the links to all schools nurse's pages.

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3. Be Engaged: Stay engaged with your child's education by attending parent-teacher conferences, staying informed about school activities, and fostering a culture of learning at home.

Together, we can create an environment where every student is motivated, empowered, and inspired to make the most of their educational journey. Your partnership is essential, and we are committed to working hand-in-hand to ensure that every child reaches their full potential.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a year of growth and achievement.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Gismondi, Ed.D, *Superintendent of West Deptford Schools*