

Lackawanna City School District

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Dear Steeler Families:

As we gear up for a new school year filled with excitement and opportunities, we want to emphasize the crucial role that attendance plays in your child's success. Regular school attendance is a fundamental pillar in your child's academic journey, and we need your support to ensure they have the best possible learning experience.

Did you know that missing just 2 days per month can lead to chronic absenteeism? Chronic absenteeism refers to the consistent absence of a student from school, and it can seriously impact their progress and overall achievement. We understand that unforeseen circumstances, such as illness or other challenges, may arise, and we are here to support your child during such times.

Communication is the key! If your child is unable to attend school, please let the school staff and classroom teachers know as soon as possible. Look out for a Welcome Back Letter from your child's teacher with details on how to communicate with them. By keeping the lines of communication open, we can work together to address any issues and ensure your child doesn't fall behind. Our team is here to assist and provide resources to help your child catch up on missed work and stay on track.

We believe that every day of learning counts, and we are committed to creating a supportive and inclusive environment for your child to thrive. When they attend school regularly, they benefit from valuable classroom interactions, engaging lessons, and meaningful connections with their peers and teachers.

Here are a few tips to support regular attendance:

- 1. Establish a daily routine: Encourage your child to develop a consistent morning routine to start the day positively.
- 2. Prioritize health and well-being: Ensure your child gets enough rest and eats a balanced diet to stay healthy and ready to learn.
- 3. Schedule appointments thoughtfully: Whenever possible, try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours.
- 4. Communicate with us: Reach out to the school if your child is facing challenges that may affect their attendance. We are here to help!

Attendance Matters! Click here to see how absences can add up!

Together, we can foster a strong educational foundation for your child. Thank you for partnering with us on this important journey. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or the school office.

Here's to a successful and enriching school year ahead!

Warm Regards,

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