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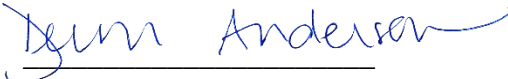
Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s):

This letter is to inform you of the law regarding failure to attend school.

I am sure you are aware of the importance of your child receiving a quality education. However, you may be unaware that your child's failure to attend school constitutes an offense for which you could be criminally charged and your child could be referred to a civil Truancy Court. It is the parent's duty to monitor a student's school attendance and require the student to attend school. Thus, it is important that all parents and guardians are aware of the consequences of unexcused absences from school.

Under Texas Law if your child has three (3) unexcused absences from school, you will receive a notice of those absences from the school district. In this notice school officials will request that you attend a conference at the school to discuss your child's absences. The purpose of the conference will be to find ways to solve your child's attendance problem before it becomes necessary for school officials to refer your child to the Truancy Court and/or to file criminal charges against you. School officials will also inform you about the truancy prevention measures they have adopted to help resolve your child's attendance problems. If you have any questions about your child's attendance or this letter please contact the school in which your child is enrolled.

It is my sincere hope you will work with the officials at your child's school, and explain to your child how to avoid the troubles described above by making sure they attend school every day in order to receive the best education possible.

  
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