To Parent/Guardian

You are receiving this notification because your student has missed a significant amount of school and/or had an excessive amount of tardy arrivals. You should be aware that the Board of Education, as an agency of the State is required to enforce the attendance of all students. Recent legislation has changed the way we measure student absences. House Bill 410 requires that we notify you that your child has reached the following benchmark:

The law defines **excessive absence** as a student who is:
- ❏ Absent 38 (6 days) or more hours in a month _with or without_ an excuse (absences will now be calculated in hours not days)
- ❏ Absent 65 (10 days) or more hours in a year _with or without_ an excuse (Meeting Must be Scheduled with District)

House Bill 410 defines **habitual truancy** as:
- ❏ Absent 30 (5 days) or more consecutive hours <u>without </u>a legitimate excuse, Absence intervention plan required**
- ❏ Absent 42 (7 days) or more hours in a month <u>without</u> a legitimate excuse, Absence intervention plan required**
- ❏ Absent 72 (12 days) or more hours in a year <u>without</u> a legitimate excuse, Absence intervention plan required**

When a student is habitually truant, the district is now required to create an Absence Intervention Team and meet with the parents/guardians to develop an Absence Intervention Plan. The purpose of the team is to identify specific barriers and solutions to attendance. The team will be composed of staff members who are familiar with your child and the programs at school, as well as you, the parent/guardian. Once the plan is in place, the goal will be to see an improvement in school attendance. If the student refuses to participate in or has failed to make satisfactory progress on the plan anytime within 61 days, the district is required, by law, to file a complaint in Juvenile Court.

Please contact the Main Office at 440-354-5400 as soon as possible, to arrange a time to meet regarding your student's attendance.
Sincerely,
Harding Principal