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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As we begin the 2019-20 school year, I want to welcome you as our partner in your child's education. We value, appreciate, and seek out your involvement and collaboration for the success of your child.

We are asking all parents to help us ensure the regular, on-time attendance of their children at school. We monitor attendance closely because research has shown that regular attendance is vital for the success of children in school. California law states that absences are excused only if the child is ill or there is an excuse which meets the requirements of the California *Education Code* Section 48205. Even excused absences that cause your child to miss significant amounts of school can cause your child to fall behind in class.

Education Code Section 48260 defines a truant as a pupil who has missed more than 30 minutes on three days without a valid excuse in one school year. Our goal is to have all children present in school every day and on time. Our district's policy is that we may require verification of absences due to illness or quarantine, if your child has missed school for three consecutive days. Please be aware that going "out of town" when school is in session with your child is an unexcused absence. In addition to your child's absences and tardies, we are also monitoring early pick up. It is very important for your child to be there at the end of the day as the teachers continue to teach up until the end of the school day, and your child misses out on important information.

I look forward to working with you in a meaningful partnership for your child. We will work very hard with you to ensure that your child receives the best education possible. We are depending on you, and want to thank you for entrusting us with your child. To provide your child with an outstanding education, your child must maintain excellent attendance. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Kim Pinkerton