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Dear Mount Olive Township School Community,

The 2023-24 school year is starting this week and we want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of regular school attendance. Regular school attendance plays a pivotal role in your child's academic success and overall development. When students attend school consistently, they benefit from increased opportunities for learning, collaboration, and personal growth. Classroom instruction, engaging discussions, and interactive activities form the foundation of their educational journey. By attending school regularly, your child can actively participate in these experiences and maximize their learning potential. Excessive absences may result in the loss of credit for enrolled courses.

We ask that you review our school board [policy/regulation 5200 \(Attendance\)](#) to familiarize yourself with district expectations and practices in regard to school attendance. The regulation establishes clear guidelines distinguishing between excused and unexcused absences, as well as the steps involved in our notification process. It is important that families understand these guidelines to ensure there are no misunderstandings with respect to district expectations. One critical component is the classification of absences involving illness. Moving forward, the district will not be classifying sick days as excused absences. Doctor notes will be taken into consideration involving the potential loss of credit at the high school level. Please refer to our regulation for specifics.

Please note that regardless of how an absence is classified, our goal as a school district is to support the regular and consistent attendance of our students. Therefore, we ask all families to be cognizant of the number of absences their child accrue over the course of the school year.

If your child needs to miss school due to any reason, we kindly request that you enter absence via pickup patrol or the attendance line, preferably before the start of the school day. This allows us to maintain accurate attendance records and provide necessary support to your child during their absence.

Please understand that we recognize that unforeseen circumstances can arise from time to time. We are dedicated to working with all families during these circumstances to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students. However, it is our shared responsibility to prioritize regular attendance and work together to minimize any disruptions to your child's education. We aim to maintain a supportive environment that encourages consistent attendance and maximizes the educational opportunities available to every student.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our attendance policy or the notification process outlined in Policy/Regulation 5200, please feel free to reach out to your child's principal. We are here to assist you and provide any necessary guidance.

Thank you for your continued partnership in promoting the importance of regular school attendance. Together, we can create a thriving educational community that nurtures the growth and success of our students.

Wishing you a wonderful and rewarding school year ahead!

Warm regards,
Dr. Bangia