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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the second trimester of the 2023-2024 school year, I would like to bring to your attention the importance of attendance. Attendance is an extremely essential aspect of the educational process for all students. Without regular attendance, Eisenhower Elementary is at a disadvantage to assist your child in mastering the skills and knowledge that are essential to his or her educational development. The Sayreville Public Schools has established multi-systemic approaches and policies pertaining to student absenteeism. The compulsory education law (N.J.S.A. 18A:38-28 through 31) requires all children between the ages of 6-16 to attend school. The attendance regulations (N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.6), require boards of education, such as the Sayreville BOE, to develop, adopt and implement policies and procedures regarding the attendance of students, including the adoption of a definition of "unexcused absence," and the provision of mandated services for students with between one and nine cumulative unexcused absences and a mandated court referral for truant students, those with ten or more cumulative unexcused absences.

Students who attend fewer than 162 days of school face possible retention and, therefore, may not be promoted to the next grade. As the parent/guardian, please ensure that your child attends school regularly and that they arrive on time. In the event of an absence, contact the school nurse, giving details of the reason for the absence and the length of time your child will be out of school. A doctor's note may accompany the child's absence where appropriate. In addition, please do not take your child out of school for personal matters (i.e., vacations, family holidays, and other similar incidents).

As a parent myself, I completely understand how extremely busy our lives can be. Furthermore, I also understand that children get sick and there are situations where your child may not be able to attend school. However, as an educator, the best thing you can do for your child is to ensure they have the very best education, which in turn, means that they must attend school regularly.

Sincerely,

Dale J. Rubino Principal