Mapleton Public Schools

Memo

To: Mike Crawford, Superintendent
From: Melissa Johnson, Chief Communications Officer
Date: August 27, 2025

Policy: JH/JHB - Student Absences and Attendance
Report Type: Decision Making
Subject: Attendance Awareness Month

Policy Wording: The Superintendent shall provide necessary reports to the Board as directed.

Decision Requested: The administration recommends that the Board of Education support the month of September as Attendance Awareness Month.

WHEREAS chronic absence may be the single biggest barrier to improving education in our country, making good attendance crucial to nurturing an educated and healthy next generation,

WHEREAS students and families are more likely to show up and engage when there are positive conditions for learning at school, including physical and emotional health and safety; a sense of belonging, connection, and support; academic challenges and engagement; and adults and peers with social-emotional competency,

WHEREAS reducing chronic absence (missing 10% or more of school for any reason) requires a comprehensive trauma-informed approach that starts with prevention and early intervention, including developing routines and trusting relationships that create a sense of belonging for students and families in Mapleton Public Schools, and

WHEREAS consistent school attendance is foundational to the economic prosperity, health, and overall well-being of communities. It helps develop an educated, healthy, and socially responsible population, which in turn nurtures our thriving and resilient community; and,

WHEREAS improving attendance and engagement takes schools, families, elected leaders, and other community partners working together to rebuild regular and trusting communications and to identify and address barriers to being in school,

WHEREAS taking attendance daily in a caring, consistent manner is essential to identifying when students begin to miss too much school, and for noticing – as soon as possible – when students are starting to miss too much school and engaging students and families with needed support and resources,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Board of Education of Mapleton Public Schools hereby proclaims September as "Attendance Awareness Month." We hereby commit to focusing on reducing absenteeism and addressing the factors that cause students to miss school in order to ensure all children have an equal opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive academically, emotionally, and socially. We recognize that we must work together to build an engaging school environment that motivates attendance and sends the message that learning can and must continue.