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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In December 2016, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 410 to encourage and support a preventative approach to excessive absences and truancy commencing during the 2017-2018 school year. Dawson-Bryant Local School District has amended and adopted policies that are required by law. The following is the definition of "habitually truant," as defined by law:

- Absent 30 or more consecutive hours without a legitimate excuse;
- Absent 42 or more hours in one school month without a legitimate excuse; or;
- Absent 72 or more hours in one school year without a legitimate excuse.

Students deemed "habitually truant" in any of these circumstances will be contact. The parent or guardian will be required to attend a meeting set by the school's Absence Intervention Team (AIT). Failure to attend may result in the school district contacting Children's Services. During this meeting, the AIT will develop an absence intervention plan. The School's AIT will monitor and evaluate the intervention plan during implementation. Failure to follow and meet the plan requirements will result in the district filing an official complaint in juvenile court.

House Bill 410 also defined "excessively absent" as the following:

- Absent 38 or more hours in one school month with or without a legitimate excuse; or
- Absent 65 or more hours in one school year with or without a legitimate excuse.

Students deemed "excessively absent" in either of these circumstances will be sent a letter from the school district notifying them of excessive absences. No further action will need to be taken at that time, but further action may be required if the absences continue.

It is important for your child to attend school every day. Regular attendance is an important part of your child's academic success. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Steve Easterling
Superintendent