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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We hope that you and your families are doing well. As the spring holiday is right around the corner, I want to remind you that regular school attendance is essential to your child's success. Daily participation in class ensures that students build the academic and social foundations necessary for achievement. Research shows that students who miss more than 10% of the school year, just two (2) days a month, are at risk of falling behind academically.

In order to remain in compliance with state attendance requirements pursuant to A.R.S. §15-901(A)(1), the Arizona Department of Education defines an excused absence as an "absence due to illness, doctor appointment, mental or behavioral health, homelessness, bereavement, family emergencies, time necessary to process for armed forces, and out-of-school suspensions." Family vacations are not considered an excused absence and parents must speak to the principal in advance to determine if it will be excused or not.

Effective immediately, **all** student absences must be reported by parents or guardians either prior to the absence, but no later than the day of the absence. All absences not excused according to the guidelines and after the fact, will be marked as unexcused in accordance with state law.

All absences should be reported to the front office staff only. Please note that students with excessive or unexcused absences may face consequences, including potential referral to truancy court. In addition, unexcused absences can negatively affect your child's academic grades, athletic ineligibility, and eligibility for promotion to the next grade level.

We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to your child's education. By ensuring consistent, on-time attendance, you are helping to set your child up for long-term success.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Ana C. Samaniego
Superintendent

Working together, raising standards, and developing leaders.

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