THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

**Penrose School**

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**ATTENDANCE INFORMATION**

August 29, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

ATTENDANCE! ATTENDANCE! ATTENDANCE! The goal is 95% attendance for each child with no more than eight (8) days absent in an entire school year.

* When a student has been absent for three (3) days during the current school year without a lawful excuse, District staff shall provide notice to the person in parental relation who resides in the same household as the student within ten (10) school days of the student’s third unexcused absence.
* As you may know, students who are absent for more than **ten** days without a doctor’s note are truant. The School District of Philadelphia retrieves this information from our school computer network and sends this information to truancy court.

* In addition, The Office of Attendance and Truancy may refer your family to the Department of Human Services to support your family in regularly sending your child to school to get a sound education. Your child’s attendance affects his/her ability to achieve academically.
* The guidance counselor, Ms. Horowitz ([dbalin@philasd.org](mailto:dbalin@philasd.org)), and our Attendance Coach Mr. Reed ([rreed@philasd.org](mailto:rreed@philasd.org)) are here to support you and your child with attendance concerns. Please reach out at any time!

Research shows that attendance is an essential factor in student achievement. Students with good attendance are more likely to read on or above grade level, perform on or above grade level in math, and graduate ready for college and careers. To reach these goals, we encourage our students to attend school 95% or more of the instructional days.

Sincerely,

Carol Casciato

Principal

Ryan Sullivan

Assistant Principal