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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We hope that you are having a great summer. Our schools are getting many needed updates including new roofs at GECC, KCS and KMS. Many classrooms are also having new flooring installed. As we continue to improve the schools we are also striving to drastically improve school attendance this year!

Here at Killingly Public Schools, we believe that children need to attend school today in order to achieve success tomorrow. Our goal is to ensure that every student attends school regularly.

Research shows that showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school.

When students miss too much school— **regardless of the reason** – it can cause them to fall behind academically. **A child will become chronically absent if he or she misses 10% of school, just two days every month!** We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances.

Clearly attendance matters! We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school and arrives on time. The Killingly Public School District has developed a system response to school absence to assist and support families.

- Students absent from school more than 5% (excused or unexcused) at the end of each quarter – will receive a letter alerting them.
- Ten & over: 10+ absences (excused or unexcused) – will be monitored by the attendance team and family may be asked to meet with school personnel.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day. If you have any questions or need more information please contact your child's school. We want your child to be successful in school!

Sincerely,
Steve Rioux
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS - SCHOOL SUCCESS GOES HAND AND HAND WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE