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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to serve as a reminder of the Broward County Public Schools attendance policy, and to encourage consistent compliance with this policy regarding student attendance and early sign-out:

- Florida Statute 1003.21 states that all children between the ages of 6 and 16 are required to attend school regularly during the entire school year.
- Florida Statute 1003.24 states that parents are responsible for the school attendance of their children.
- School Board Policy 5.5 states that sanctions may be imposed when students have developed a pattern of non-attendance. Non-attendance for instructional activities is established by tardies, early sign-outs or absences for any part of the day.

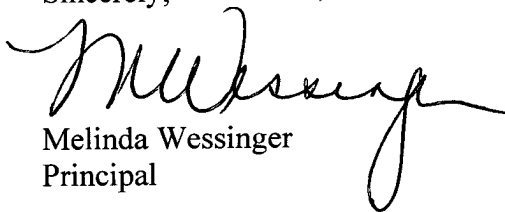
Please make sure that you and your student **remain in compliance with the attendance policy listed above by being in school and avoiding tardies, early sign-outs, or absences for any part of the day.** In addition, we ask that whenever possible you not pick up your child for early dismissal during lunch times. Below are the lunch times for each grade level along with the transition to and from the classroom:

- 6th grade 11:43 am to 12:23 pm
- 7th grade 12:37 pm to 1:17 pm
- 8th grade 1:31pm to 2:11 pm

Every instructional minute counts. Our students need every educational opportunity they can get, and this begins with making sure they are in school learning and growing toward a successful future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, we truly appreciate your support as we work together to help our students achieve their best.

Sincerely,



Melinda Wessinger
Principal