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Dear Parents,

I trust your child's first weeks in Madison County Schools have been a smooth transition from summer and the beginning of a great year filled with many new learning opportunities. Each year we strive to provide the best education for your child with the fewest changes in policy and procedure as possible. However, a change in the attendance law requires that we calculate attendance differently during the 2013-14 school year. The new attendance law, House Bill 1530, went into effect July 1, 2013 and states that a student who is absent more than 37% of the instructional day must be considered absent for the entire day. The amount of time in a student's instructional day is determined by the individual student's schedule. For example, instructional time for elementary students includes class time, music, library, and physical education, but does not include lunch time. Instructional time for middle and high school students includes all academic courses, but does not include study hall, office worker, or lunch time.

It is the belief of Madison County Schools that regular school attendance is paramount to student success. Student attendance is also directly linked to the funding our District receives, as the Mississippi Department of Education uses the attendance rate for October and November to determine our funding for the entire year. Your commitment to helping us achieve the highest attendance rate possible during these two months, as well as throughout the school year, will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ronnie McGehee

Superintendent
Madison County Schools