



ANGLOPHONE SOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This year, and every year, our goal is to ensure that all of our students are attending class regularly and arriving on time.

Attendance has a huge impact on a student's social and academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Absenteeism is linked to lower academic achievement in early years which can be difficult to catch-up from, and our own data shows that the average high school student loses 1.2% off of their class average each day they miss. That's a 6% loss from their expected grade after missing just 5 days of school. This can add up!

Families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely and on time every day. Our schools monitor attendance carefully and will be reaching out to you if they see irregular attendance. If you require support and advice about attendance, teachers and school administrators want to help you. Schools care about each child and want them to do their best and feel they belong.

Some absences, such as sick days, are unavoidable but we hope you recognize the importance of regular attendance to your student's success and support us in our initiative. You can find more information about "Attendance Matters" on the Anglophone South [website](#), including our campaign materials and parent resources. This initiative is part of our School Improvement Plan and it is supported by the District Education Council.

As parents and guardians, you hold the greatest influence with your children. Help us make good attendance a habit!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Zoë Watson'.

Zoë Watson
Superintendent