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KCAPA HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Kensington CAPA Families/Staff/Students,

August is National Truancy Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about the detrimental effects of truancy (unexcused absence from school) and promote a culture of attendance.

Regular school attendance plays a pivotal role in a student's academic success. When students are absent from school, they miss out on valuable instruction, interactive learning experiences, and the opportunity to engage with their peers. The cumulative effect of these absences can significantly hinder a student's progress and achievement, leading to gaps in knowledge and skills that are difficult to overcome.

Truancy is a challenge that affects not only individual students but also the entire school community. It is our shared responsibility to ensure that every child has the opportunity to receive a quality education, and this begins with regular school attendance. Here at Kensington CAPA we have implemented various measures to support students in maintaining regular attendance. These include: intervention programs, regular communication with families, and partnerships with community organization.

I encourage you, as parents and guardians, to reinforce the importance of attending school regularly to your children. Help them understand that their presence in the classroom is not only beneficial for their own academic growth but also contributes to the overall success of our school community. Have conversations with your children about the importance of attendance, set regular routines, and establish open lines of communication with their teachers. If you have concerns or face challenges related to attendance, please reach out to our dedicated staff, who are here to support you and your child.

Together, we can address the challenges that lead to truancy and create a learning environment where every student has the chance to thrive academically and develop the skills necessary for a successful future.

Thank you for your partnership!

Sincerely,

Ms. Patricia McDermott

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