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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please be advised of the new Guidelines for Truancy just recently approved by the State of New Jersey. The Cliffside Park School District will begin implementing the guidelines listed below immediately:

1. For students younger than 16, who fall under the jurisdiction of the **Compulsory Education Act** referrals will be made to Crisis Intervention when a student has between 5 and 9 unexcused absences. A referral to Crisis Intervention is **MANDATORY** when a student exceeds 10 unexcused absences.
2. For children under the age of 11, the administration will contact the Division of Youth and Family Services when the absence limits exceeds 10 unexcused absences. This approach puts the responsibility to educate their child back to the parent and under New Jersey Law 18A:38-31 (Attendance at School) parents/guardians can now be prosecuted under this statute in Cliffside Park Municipal Court.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's Principal.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Romagnino
Superintendent of Schools

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