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RE: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_:

The \_\_\_\_\_ School District has informed the District Attorney's (D.A.'s) Office that the Principal has sent you letters asking for your help making sure your student fully attends every school day. By law, (California Education Code §48260) regular school attendance is required until age 18. This law reflects that we know a good future for children is connected to success in school. This means being in school every day, all day.

The \_\_\_\_\_ School District has referred your family to a meeting with the Regional School Attendance Review Board, which includes the DA's Office. This meeting is an opportunity for you to present the facts as you understand them and to develop a resolution of your student's attendance. The goal of this meeting is to develop resources and solutions that support you and your student in improving attendance. If there are problems we do not know about, staff at your student's school may be able to help solve them.

It is important to understand that failing to attend this meeting and an immediate improvement of your student's attendance may carry legal consequences. Your student may be charged with a violation of Education Code §48260 or Welfare and Institutions Codes §601 or §256. You may also be charged with a violation for your student's pattern of attendance (California Education Code §48293 or California Penal Code §270.1). The DA's Office will take no action before the date of your meeting with the School Attendance Review Board. I encourage you to help your student by attending the meeting and resolving the issue.

Sincerely yours,

**MAGGIE FLEMING**  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Martin Morris  
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