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RE: Attendance and Truancy

Dear Parent:

The Lake County Prosecutor's Office commends the School City of Hobart and Superintendent, Dr. Peggy Buffington, for adopting its attendance policy. One of the greatest indicators that something is going wrong in the lives of our children starts when children do not go to school. Indiana law requires that a child attends school until the age of eighteen. If children do not attend school, they can be considered truant and parents can be prosecuted.

Our office and the School City of Hobart work together to enforce the truancy program and to ensure that the School City of Hobart attendance policy is strictly followed. The purpose of this program is not to see parents in jail but to see our children in school. Therefore, as Lake County Prosecutor, I urge you to stress to your child that school attendance is not an option but is mandatory. Parents can face jail time ranging from three (3) months to thirty (30) months if students are not in school.

When we promote the importance of attendance, our children do better in school, graduate and become productive members of society. Your child is important. Your guidance and support as a parent is important as well. Help our community win by making sure that your child attends school!

Sincerely,

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