Greenfield High School

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Dear Parents of Open Enrollment Students,

This letter is intended to inform you of state law that may impact some of our Greenfield High School (GHS) students who are attending GHS through the open enrollment program. This law went into effect during the 2010-2011 school year and pertains to students whose attendance patterns classify them as "Habitual Truants" by the state of Wisconsin as defined in state statute 118.16 (1)(a).

The Wisconsin statute, 118.51, states that if a non-resident school board determines that a pupil attending the non-resident school district under this section is habitually truant during either semester in the current year, the non-resident school board may prohibit the pupil from attending the nonresident school district the following semester or school year.

As per state statute habitual truants are those students who accrue unexcused absences, for all or part of five days in a semester or ten days in a school year. Greenfield High School has a legal responsibility to enforce regular school attendance. Understand that if your student becomes categorized as a habitual truant their open enrollment status may be terminated.

If you receive notice that your student's enrollment status is being terminated, you do have the ability to appeal the decision to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction within 30 days after receipt of the termination notice. The statute reads that the department shall affirm the school board's decision unless the department finds that the decision was arbitrary or unreasonable.

In closing, we are excited about the upcoming school year and appreciate the fact that you have entrusted Greenfield High School with the privilege of educating your student(s). We take this responsibility very seriously and will continue to hold our students and ourselves to the highest educational standards. If you have any questions or concerns related to this letter, please contact us at (414) 281-6200. We are looking forward to another fantastic year!

Sincerely,

Paul Thusius
Principal- Greenfield High School

"Seek first to understand and then to be understood"
Stephen R. Covey