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RE:
Lincoln, CA 95648

FIRST LETTER OF TRUANCY

Dear:

Your child, _____, has been identified as having an attendance problem which needs improving (see attached attendance report). **Education Code Section 48260 requires that a pupil who is absent from school without a valid excuse or tardy in excess of thirty minutes (30) or more on three (3) or more days in one(1) school year is truant and be so reported.**

Our records indicate that was absent or has been tardy in excess of thirty minutes (30) or more this school year without a valid excuse on the dates and/or periods listed below. It now becomes mandatory pursuant to Ed Code §48260.5, I notify you that:

- a. _____ is truant.
- b. You, as the parent/guardian, are obligated to compel the student to attend school.
- c. Any parent/guardian who fails to meet this obligation may be found guilty of an infraction and subject to prosecution in adult court pursuant to Article 6 (commencing with §48290) of Chapter 2 of Part 27 of the Education Code.
- d. The District may have alternative educational programs available.
- e. The student/parent/guardian has the right to meet with appropriate school personnel to discuss solutions to the pupil's truancy (Added Stats. 1983, Chapter 498).
- f. The student may be subject to prosecution under Ed Code §48264.
- g. The student may be subject to suspension, restriction or delay of his/her driving privilege pursuant to Vehicle Code §13202.7.
- h. It is recommended that you, as the parent/guardian, come to school and attend classes with your child for one (1) day.
- i. For parents whose child is six years of age or more, who is in kindergarten or any of grades one through eight, inclusive, whose child is a chronic truant as defined in Section 48263.6 of the Education Code, as of January 1, 2011, it is now a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

In addition, if you are receiving CalWORKS benefits (formerly AFDC) your Welfare Check may be reduced. CalWORKS requires **ALL SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN MUST BE ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY AND ON TIME.**

Please discuss this issue with your child. Failure to improve his/her attendance will result in a conference at school or other forms of intervention. Our goal is to educate your child. We cannot be successful if your child is not in school.

Sincerely,

Daniela Thompson
School Administrator
Twelve Bridges Elementary School

cc: Student file, SARB, Probation Officer/Juvenile Court (if required)