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Dear Parents and Teachers,

For children to succeed, they must have an education. In Shelby County each year, thousands of students miss school **every day**. Too many absences makes it difficult for the student to learn. Too many unexcused absences (5 unexcused absences under Tennessee law) means our office must step in and prosecute the parent/guardian and student.

We don't want any of that.

The Shelby County District Attorney's office wants every student in school **every day** ready to learn. That's all.

But we need your help to make that happen.

If you are a **parent/guardian**, make sure your child is registered and ready for school. Then make sure you get them to school **every day** on time ready to learn.

If you are a **teacher** or **principal**, accurately record school attendance **every day**. Tennessee law requires it.

Thank you for your attention. I hope you and your family have a great school year.

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