



Dear Parents and Families:

Thank you for your continued commitment to Detroit Public Schools Community District! As we continue to work hard to ensure your child is reaching her/his academic and civic potential, I want to remind everyone about the importance of your child attending school every day. Regular attendance is one of the best predictors of future success for students.

Attendance is a year-round responsibility and on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, the state is conducting its Count Day for all public schools. This is an especially important day because the state counts how many students are in school and provides funding to each district and school according to that number. This, as you know, influences everything from teacher allocations, programming, and supplies. Without your child's attendance, we are forced to provide an education to your child without our fair share of state funding to do so.

Because this year's Count Day falls on Valentine's Day, we have designated February 14th as *Love to Learn Day at DPSCD*. Our students will share their love of learning by participating in several fun and engaging activities prepared by teachers and staff in every school. In fact, this is also a great day for you to share with your child and others what you love to learn, what you love about your child's learning, and even what you love about your child's school, teachers, or administrators.

Since last year, our districtwide enrollment has increased, and we want to take advantage of this by announcing several new districtwide initiatives next year to continue the process of enhancing your child's education. This can happen with 100% attendance districtwide.

I am looking forward to *Love to Learn Day* and a successful Count Day in Detroit Public Schools Community District. Please join us in making Valentine's Day count!

Sincerely,

/s/Nikolai Vitti  
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