Compulsory Attendance Law

The Law of the State of Texas requires a child to go to school 90% of the 180 school days offered. As per board policy, stated in the Brackett Elementary Handbook: "A school-aged student not attending school may result in assessment of penalties by a court of law against his/her parents".

A complaint against the parent may be filed in the appropriate court if the student is absent from school on ten or more days or parts of days within a sixmonth period in the same school year or is absent on three or more days or parts of days within a fourweek period.

As a parent, legal guardian, or person standing in parental relation to the child, you are responsible for ensuring that your child attends school regularly. The Texas Education Code Section 25.093 provides that an offense under this section is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by fines for each offense.

Brackett High School P.O. Box 586 Brackettville, TX 78832 830-563-2491 ext 450

October 25, 2010

RE: Student Name's attendance

Dear Mr./Mrs Parent:

I am concerned about *Student's Name* number of absences at Brackett High School. Our attendance records show that your child has missed more than 10 percent of the instructional days in one or more classes. Students must attend at least 90 percent of the time in order to receive credit for a course.

Although some or all of these absences may have been excused, I am concerned about the amount of instructional time lost. Students who are excessively absent miss important studies, concepts, and socialization skills. They may find it difficult to understand the school work they missed when they return to school.

Please call me at 830-563-2491 ext 450 to discuss this matter or to schedule an appointment so that we may assist you in some way. I, like you, want your child to be successful in school.

Sincerely,

Frank Taylor H.S Principal