**EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS**

**An estimated 5 million to 7.5 million U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.**

**Research shows that missing 10 percent of school days, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student’s academic performance. That’s just two days a month and that’s known as chronic absence.**

**Chronic absence is a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.**

**When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their school performance.**

**Good attendance is an important life skill.**

**Parents play a key role in school attendance.  Let your student know it is the expectation.  Establish home-study routines and sleep habits that make attendance a non-issue.  Encourage participation in school clubs, organizations, and sports.  Monitor his/her progress and talk about it.  Students who are engaged at home and at school rarely miss a day.**