



## Quincy Public Schools Attendance Adds Up!

### WHY ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT

#### IF KIDS AREN'T IN SCHOOL, THEY AREN'T LEARNING.

- Attendance in the first month of school is critical! It creates habits that continue throughout the school year.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks. The academic impact of missing school is the same whether absences are excused or unexcused.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

*We can and must fix this.*



#### IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE

- ✓ When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.
- ✓ Good attendance habits developed in school help students persist and succeed in college and the workplace.
- ✓ A high school graduate makes, on average, \$1 million more than a high school drop out over a lifetime.

### WHAT THE RESEARCH SAYS

# 20%

OF CHILDREN

miss a month of school *every year*

# 10+%

OF ANY GIVEN  
STUDENT BODY

is missing *10% of the school year*

# 3+ DAYS A MONTH

OF MISSED SCHOOL

can set a student back *1-2 years*