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Dear New Brunswick School Community,

The New Brunswick Public Schools firmly believe that attendance is essential for student academic success. With a new year upon us, I am asking interested members of the school community to join the New Brunswick Public Schools' **Absentee Task Force**, a group that will come together to help families avoid unnecessary school absences.

Student attendance improves when a school community offers a welcoming environment that emphasizes strong relationships with families and stresses the importance of going to class every day. The Absentee Task Force will consider the obstacles facing students who have poor attendance records. The task force will work to provide tools and resources that promote a culture of safety, respect and personal responsibility. We want New Brunswick students to know that someone notices and cares when they miss school. Together, we hope to engage students, families and other community members to reduce chronic absences and give all children an equal opportunity to learn.

If you are passionate about addressing the challenges that impact school attendance, please use the [link](#) provided to sign up to be a part of our New Brunswick Absentee Task Force. The first meeting will take place at New Brunswick High School on January 23, 2018 from 4:00 - 5:30.

We look forward to having you help us take on this important task.

Sincerely,

Keira Scussa
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