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Dear New Brunswick School Community,

The New Brunswick Public Schools are committed to increasing student attendance because we know that when students are in school, they increase their academic prospects and chances for graduating. Over the past few months, I have called on members of the school community to join the New Brunswick Public Schools' **Absentee Task Force**, a group that has come together to help families avoid unnecessary school absences.

I am proud to report that our school community responded to the call, and they are working together to engage students, families and other community members to reduce chronic absences and ensure all children are provided an equal opportunity to learn. As we look ahead to the 2018-19 school-year, we will do so with a renewed purpose for our students and a dedication to encourage them to attend school every day.

It's not too late to support these efforts. If you are passionate about addressing the challenges that impact school attendance, please email Denise Gerald at denise_gerald@nbpsnj.net in the Office of Curriculum and Instruction to be a part of the great work led by our New Brunswick Absentee Task Force. This next meeting will take place at New Brunswick High School in the media center on May 1st from 4:00 - 5:30 P.M.

We look forward to continuing this purposeful work to support our school community and improve student achievement.

Sincerely,

Keira Scussa
Assistant Superintendent
for Curriculum and Instruction