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The Preston County Board of Education recognizes that a direct relationship exists between students' daily school attendance and academic performance, graduation, and good work habits. Daily attendance is necessary for students to meet their schools' academic program standards as each day's learning builds on the work previously completed. The Board also realizes that absenteeism often leads to higher delinquency, a higher dropout rate and unproductive adults with few or no marketable skills. Absenteeism can touch the total community spreading from the schools into industry, business and government.

Realizing the importance of good attendance, the Preston County Board of Education will enlist the help of many segments of society responsible for promoting good school attendance. This will include school personnel, parents, and community organizations such as Mental Health, Department of Human Services, Health Department and local law enforcement officials.

The Board will further endeavor to promote good attendance by creating a positive, safe learning environment that is committed to helping students develop responsibility, self-discipline and good work habits. The instructional program will be designed to offer instructional opportunities designed to meet student needs, to satisfy high school graduation requirements, to identifying potential dropouts and to develop preventative programs, and to provide programs of instruction for dropouts to continue their education.