

Intradistrict Communication

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TO: Principals and Assistant Principals

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SUBJECT: Attendance Resources for Labor Day

Thank you for your tremendous efforts to warmly welcome our students and families back into our buildings and back to school. Attendance Works notes that these warm, welcoming environments make a big difference with attendance:

“Research and experience shows that attendance improves when a school community offers a warm and welcoming environment that engages students and families and provides enriching learning opportunities. Students are more likely to come to school when they feel safe, know that someone at the school cares about them, and when there are exciting and relevant lessons. Families are more likely to make sure their children are in class every day when they know school staff are looking out for their children’s best interest and when they understand the potentially adverse impact of absences, even just two days a month, on academic success.”

Help families plan ahead and make sure their child is back in school directly following a school holiday by posting alerts using Parent Square, school websites, and social media. Ready-made resources are available in English and Spanish [here](#). If you would like to customize the announcement with your school logo or have any questions, please contact Michelle Reyes at michelle.reyes@jordandistrict.org or (801)567-8205.

We still have [FREE banners and stickers](#) available in case you missed it in the last JAM.



Chang, H. (n.d.). *Create a welcoming environment that engages students and families*. Attendance Works.
<https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/toolkits/teaching-attendance-2-0/create-a-welcoming-environment-that-engages-students-and-families/>