Attention Brookfield Parents:

Please be advised of the attendance policy according to HB410. Brookfield Local School District will no longer track students’ attendance by “days”. We will be tracking “hours”. **One school day is equal to 6 hours**.  Students who are not excused from school will fall under habitual truancy. Habitual truancy is equal to any unexcused absences and meet the following criteria:

∙ 30 or more consecutive hours

∙ 42 or more hours in one month

∙ 72 or more hours in one year

As part of the new changes to attendance, Brookfield Schools will be creating an Absence Intervention Team (AIT) for students who meet the above hours of absences. The Absence Intervention Team will put into place an absence intervention plan for the student. It will help to identify the nature of the student’s attendance problem; therefore, allowing recommendations from the parents, students and school personnel to improve the attendance problem. Action will then be taken by the parent/guardian and the student to resolve the causes of the absences.

The attendance officer shall file a complaint in juvenile court on the 61st day after implementation of an absence intervention plan if all of the following apply:

∙ The student has unexcused absences of 30+ consecutive hours, 42+ hours in one month or 72+ hours in a school year.

∙ The district has made meaningful attempts to re-engage the student through the absence intervention plan, or other intervention strategies, and alternative to adjudication;

∙ The student has refused to participate in or failed to make satisfactory progress on the plan, strategies or alternatives.

The school district, working in conjunction with the juvenile court, has the duty to take measures to improve habitual absenteeism, truancy and tardiness. While specific responsibility for each action can be specified in procedures delineated by the administration, the following shall be used to create a graduated and consistent approach to dealing with excessive absenteeism.

***Excessive Absence: Ohio’s Senate Bill 410 deals specifically with truancy and the missing of school. There is one classification of this bill and it is “Habitual Truant”. If the student is truant for 30 or more consecutive hours in a week, 42 or more hours in a month, or 72 or more hours in a year without legitimate excuse, as defined below, the child meets the legal definition of a “habitual truant”. This is considered an unruly offense by the juvenile court. The parent should be notified of a student’s absences with or without excuse if it exceeds 38 or more hours in a month or 65 or more hours in a year.***

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| A LETTER OF NOTIFICATION OF EXCESSIVE UNEXCUSED ABSENCES WILL BE MAILED TO THE PARENTS. |

RETENTION OF TRUANTS: Any student who is absent without legitimate excuse (medical) for more than ten percent (10%) of the required attendance hours may be denied course credit.

 *“Brookfield Local Schools is a Title One District.”*