

GREETINGS FROM THE PICKAWAY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT AND WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

We all want the best for our children and that includes a good education. But, we all know that a child cannot get that education unless he or she is in school. That is why state law requires students to attend school each day unless lawfully excused and equally requires parents to make sure their children are in attendance.

To help with this, our court has been working to strengthen our relationship with the school in an attempt to prevent or eliminate a child's behavior that might lead to school truancy. Likewise, we all need to work together, including parental involvement, to deal with the behavior that might be causing these school absences.

However, if children are truant, there are LEGAL CONSEQUENCES for both the student AND THE PARENT. These include:

- FINES
- COURT COSTS
- JAIL OR DETENTION TIME
- PROBATION
- COMMUNITY SERVICE
- DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION

Parents of children in school who communicate and maintain contact with the schools on a regular basis help alleviate, if not eliminate truancy issues. Working proactively with your school will allow a better relationship with your child's principal, school administration and teachers. Parents and teachers should be on the same side when it comes to a child's education. Listen to your child's needs to improve their education. Ask how to volunteer or help. Set a good example with scheduling and being on time every time. Ask questions and work with teachers to come up with a solution.

A child's education is a lifetime of possibilities!