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Greetings!

The Omak School District staff have been excited to focus on educating our students in a face-to-face setting this year. The virtual learning model that we have followed over the past year-and-a-half has reshaped some students' understanding of "in-person" classroom expectations and as students have returned to the buildings, our staff and administration have focused on reminding all students of the rules and expectations. I applaud the efforts that have been made by the Omak staff and administration toward establishing relationships with students and working hard to help students repair those relationships when they don't follow the established school rules.

The majority of our students want to be in school and regularly follow the clearly defined rules and expectations of our schools. We all understand that everyone has a bad day every now and then. However, there are some students who repeatedly refuse to comply with the expectations that are within our student handbooks and the Omak School District Board policies. The repeated actions of these students have impacted everyone's learning and safety and is not acceptable.

The Omak School District staff and administration have been creating interventions and structured supports this fall to build success for all of our students. How can parents and community members help?

- 1) The Omak School District believes that parent involvement is crucial to the success of our students. We are re-inviting parents to help provide additional support at our schools by volunteering. Our students need to have multiple adults who are simply willing to listen to them and to be visible throughout our campuses. Please call your building principal for more information if you are willing to volunteer any time during the week. Even one hour a week will make a difference!
 - a. There are some state requirements for school volunteers that we cannot ignore, but will be at no expense to any volunteer:
 - i. Complete an electronic volunteer application and background check
 - ii. Provide a copy of your COVID vaccination card or complete the accommodation approval process with the Omak School District Human Resources Department
- 2) We would welcome ideas for additional solutions. Please consider attending the Omak School District **presentation on student discipline** at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Tuesday, **January 18, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.**
 - a. Omak School District Superintendent Porter will give a presentation on student discipline
 - b. School Board and administrators will be present to answer questions
 - c. There will be an open microphone for parent/community input to brainstorm solutions

Our children's educational success and safety is dependent on all of us working together and we value your partnership! Thank you for your ongoing support of the Omak School District children and schools!

Sincerely,

Michael Porter

Omak School District Superintendent