

# SCHOOL LETTERHEAD

## Educational Neglect Parental Notification Letter

Date:

**Parent Name:**

Dear Parents/Guardian of (student name):

Under Minnesota State Law, a child who misses school without a valid excuse is considered to be continuing truant per *Minnesota State Statutes 120A.34. and 260A302 subd. 3.*

You are being notified that your child has missed school without a valid, legally justifiable excuse on 6 or more days this school year and therefore is considered truant and qualifies for the Anoka County Educational Neglect Diversion Program.

**We have not received notice that any of these absences have been excused. In the event that there is a valid excuse for your child's absences, you should notify the school immediately.** If your child continues to be absent from school due to illness, we will require a doctor's statement which explains your child's illness or medical condition and how it affected/affects your child's ability to attend school. If your child has missed school due to illness, please contact the school immediately. If you do not notify the school, your child's absence will not be excused.

In Minnesota, it is considered the Parent/Guardian's responsibility to ensure the child's attendance (if child is under the age of 12). By Minnesota State Statute, a child is in need of protection or services when a child is without the necessary food, clothing, shelter, **and education**, or other required care for the child's physical or mental health, or morals because the child's parents, guardian, or custodian is unable or unwilling to provide that care.

Please be advised that you and your child has been referred to the Anoka County **Educational Neglect Diversion Program. Participation in this meeting is required if you would like to take advantage of the Educational Neglect Diversion Program and avoid Child Protection and/or Criminal and Juvenile Court involvement. Anoka County will be informing you of the date and time of this meeting by mail.**

If you have any further questions, I can be contacted at

Sincerely,