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**Superintendent's Perspective**

The Truth About Attendance ^ Help Us Reach Our Goal

Dear Parents:

May your holidays be joyful and safe. Cherish each moment with family and friends!

I would like you to consider a goal for the New Year that will result in an increase of revenue for the District. In past years excused absences counted towards calculation of state aid revenue. The law has been changed and there is no longer credit given for excused absences. Regardless of the reason, if a student is absent or tardy, the absence is unexcused and the district loses state funding.

Each day your child is not in attendance the District loses \$35.

We currently average a 96% attendance rate for the second part of the school year. Boosting our attendance to 98% will result in a revenue increase of \$152,340 for the Larkspur School District. Please send your child to school each day (except if very ill) and do not pull your child from school for early vacations, three day weekends or athletic events. We need your commitment to this goal in the New Year.

Thank you for all you do in partnering with us to assure a quality education for your children.

See you in the New Year.

Valerie

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