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Dear Board Members,

This past fall Burke county school began tracking school attendance records in an effort to decrease absentee levels. Over the past three years absentee levels have been increasing at a rate of 5% per year. Student absentee levels have been shown to impact test performance. As a school district, we believe that it is crucial that efforts are made to rectify this matter.

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In addition to tracking attendance records, parents and guardians have been asked to specify the reason for their child missing school. Of the reasons given, illness and vacation were the two most common responses. Other responses included, personal/family problems, child's birthday, child did not want to go to school, missed the bus/van, and truancy among several others. Knowing the reasons why students missed school will better help the school district work on solving this problem.

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In the table below, attendance records for the first three months of the fall have been tracked according to school. The district total, as well as the percentages of absent students per school has been broken down. This chart clearly states the problem that our school district is dealing with.

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