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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Superintendents and Principals  
**FROM:** Catherine Danyluk, Director  
Chief State Attendance Officer, Office of Student Services  
**DATE:** August 31, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Proclamation of September as Attendance Awareness Month

Chronic absenteeism and habitual truancy are important predictors of school performance, including high school graduation. School Boards, superintendents, mayors and other elected officials can highlight the importance of school attendance by declaring that September is [Attendance Awareness Month](#).

Additional resources and Model Chronic Absence Reduction Plans are located on the [Chronic Absenteeism](#) website.

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