

## **Every Day Counts! Develop Good Attendance Habits**

Welcome back to another great school year! School attendance is essential to academic success. Research shows that starting as early as kindergarten and preschool, chronic absenteeism can have adverse consequences for academic achievement. By middle and high school, poor attendance is a leading indicator of dropout. In addition, developing the habit of attendance prepares students for success on the job and in life. Because of this, the Waterford School District Attendance Guidelines state that students should not miss more than 10 school days per year. Please contact your student's school if there is anything we can do to help you improve his or her attendance. The attendance guidelines are attached.

Don't forget about the Every Day Counts poster contest that is happening from now until October 1<sup>st</sup>. All students in the Waterford School District can submit a poster illustrating why school attendance is important. Two winners will be selected from each school and these students will receive a gift card. The winning posters will be shown on Comcast channel 22 as well as the Waterford School District website. In addition, all entries will be displayed at the student's school. Encourage your student to participate.

For more information on the Waterford School District's Attendance Policy or why school attendance is critical to academic achievement please contact your child's school or the Waterford Success Program at 248.682.1086.

