



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

**Diana Becton**  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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Dear Principal,

In an effort to support our students and families, and to continue my office's commitment to reducing truancy in our county, I am pleased to announce a set of new efforts we are undertaking to promote school attendance. Although there are a number of efforts underway, according to the Contra Costa County Office of Education, the overall truancy rate in our county is 38.89%. Research shows that children lacking an education are far more likely to be unemployed and at risk of becoming involved in crime, both as victims and offenders. With your help, we hope to break this cycle.

**Please contact my office to partner with us on one of the following at your school site:**

**Meet the District Attorney!**

District Attorney Becton will come to your campus and speak with students before school, at an assembly, or in the classroom, about the importance of attending school and staying on track!

**Celebrate Attendance Awareness Month in September with the District Attorney**

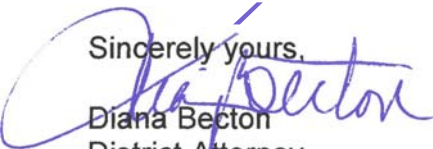
In honor of Attendance Awareness month, District Attorney Becton, or her staff will come to your school as a special guest to read to students, discuss the importance of school attendance, and give special recognition to the students or grades with the best attendance record for the 2017/2018 school year!

**Parent Education Meetings**

A Deputy District Attorney will meet with parents at your school of attendance challenged students and provide them with resources and services to address barriers to attendance.

In addition to these opportunities, please see the insert for other ways my office is working to support our students. We hope that you will join us in our efforts to ensure students attend school every day, so that they can achieve for a lifetime.

Sincerely yours,

  
Diana Becton  
District Attorney  
Contra Costa County