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Dear

RE:
D.O.B.

Investigation of the facts concerning the non-attendance of your child brings me to the conclusion that, by law, I must inform you of the consequences of continued non-attendance. The following are excerpts from the *Education Act* which I must draw to your attention:

Section 30 (1) A parent or guardian of a person required to attend school under section 21 who neglects or refuses to cause that person to attend school is, unless the person is at least 16 years old or older, **guilty of an offence** and on conviction **is liable to a fine** of not more than \$200. 2006, c. 28, s. 7 (1).

Section 30 (2) The court may, in addition to or instead of imposing a fine, require a parent or guardian convicted of an offence under subsection (1) to submit to the Minister of Finance a personal bond, in a form prescribed by the court, in the penal sum of \$200 with one or more sureties as required, conditioned that the parent or guardian shall cause the person to attend school as required under section 21 and, upon breach of the condition, the bond is forfeit to the Crown. 2006, c. 28, s. 7 (1).

Section 30 (5) A person who is required by law to attend school and who refuses to attend or is habitually absent from school is, unless the person is 16 years old or older, **guilty of an offence** and on conviction is liable to the penalties under Part VI of the Provincial Offences Act and subsection 266 (2) of the Act applies in any proceeding under this section. 2006, c. 28, s. 7 (3).

Under Section 26 (4) of the Education Act I am required to give written notice to the parent or guardian of a child who is not attending schools as required, to cause the child to attend school forthwith. **This letter, and the extracts from the Act, constitutes the warning** to you as a parent concerning this matter. I shall therefore expect that your child will return to school upon receipt of this letter. Failure to do so must be considered to be either neglect on the part of the parent or refusal on the part of the student.

Sincerely,

Attendance Counsellor
District School Board Ontario North East

cc: Principal, Supervisory Officer