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Mr. Christopher A. Pegg, Superintendent

Student Audio & Video Notice

While synchronous remote learning is occurring, a student's class may be recorded. A student's facial image or voice may therefore be recorded. Synchronous remote learning occurs when classroom instruction is being conducted on-line, but in real time, between the teacher and all the students in the class.

Thank you,
Christopher A. Pegg
Superintendent



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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE
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4. Payment, or proof of liability for payment, of municipal and school district taxes for an improved property (the improved property should be one in which the person is residing) within the district.
5. Occupancy permit issued by the local municipality for the residence in question.
6. Any other documentation acceptable to school officials which provides satisfactory evidence of an address, in which the person is residing, within the district.

Failure to provide proof of actual residency within the district as set forth above within a **five (5) day** period may result in the student being removed from the school rolls and the parent, guardian or custodian being required to pay the regular tuition rate as established by the district for the period of actual attendance.

The **2020-2021 Elementary** student (Grade K-6) rate (based on 180 Day school year) is as follows:

Elementary Annual Tuition Regular Education: \$ 8,759.74 (\$48.67 Daily Rate)
Elementary Annual Tuition Special Education: \$17,519.48 (\$97.33 Daily Rate)

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The **2020-2021 secondary** student (Grade 7-12) rate (based on 180 Day school year) is as follows:

Secondary Annual Tuition Regular Education: \$ 11,128.27 (\$61.82 Daily Rate)

Secondary Annual Tuition Special Education: \$22,256.54 (\$123.65 Daily Rate)

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What is bullying?

Bullying is when someone or a group of people with more power repeatedly and intentionally causes hurt or harm to another person or group of people who feel helpless to respond. Bullying can continue over time, is often hidden from adults.

Bullying isn't:

- Single episodes of social rejection or dislike
- Single episode acts of nastiness or spite
- Random acts of aggression or intimidation
- Mutual arguments, disagreements or fights.

Types of bullying

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's *Building Respectful and Safe Schools* (2010) identifies four types of bullying:

1. **Physical bullying** includes hitting, kicking, tripping, pinching and pushing or damaging property.
2. **Verbal bullying** includes name calling, insults, teasing, intimidation, homophobic or racist remarks, or verbal abuse.
3. **Covert bullying** is often harder to recognize and can be carried out behind the bullied person's back. It is designed to harm someone's social reputation and/or cause humiliation. Covert bullying includes:
 - Lying and spreading rumors
 - Negative facial or physical gestures, menacing or contemptuous looks
 - Playing nasty jokes to embarrass and humiliate
 - Mimicking unkindly
 - Encouraging others to socially exclude someone
 - Damaging someone's social reputation or social acceptance
4. **Cyberbullying** is overt or covert bullying behaviors using digital technologies. Examples include harassment via a mobile phone, setting up a defamatory personal website or deliberately excluding someone from social networking spaces. Cyberbullying can happen at any time. It can be in public or in private and sometimes only known to the target and the person bullying.



Signs that your child might be being bullied

It's not always easy to tell if a young person is being bullied, as sometimes they don't want to disclose what's happening to them.

If you notice a significant change in behavior, this could be cause for concern. Other signs can include changes to mood or eating and sleep patterns; withdrawal from family, social groups or friends; decline in school performance or unwillingness to attend; lost, torn or broken belongings; scratches or bruises, or implausible excuses for any of the above.

What to do if your child is bullying others

- Stay calm. Remember, the behavior is at fault, rather than the child.
- Make sure your child knows bullying behavior is inappropriate and why.
- Try to understand the reasons why your child has behaved in this way and look for ways to address problems.
- Encourage your child to look at it from the other's perspective, for example, "how would you feel if..."
- Help your child think of alternative paths of action.
- Provide appropriate boundaries for their behavior.

Things you can do if your child is being bullied

1. **Listen** – Try to listen to the whole story without interrupting. Be empathic, calm and validate what is being said. Ask what your child would like to happen, before you make suggestions.

2. **Talk** – Have a conversation about what happened. Try not to make the conversation intense or you might deter your child from talking to you. Remind your child it's normal to feel hurt, it's never OK to be bullied, and it's NOT their fault.

3. **Find out what is happening** – Note what, when and where the bullying occurred, who was involved, how often and if anybody else witnessed it. Don't offer to confront the person yourself.

4. **Contact the school** – Contact the school immediately. Provide specifics with regard to what happened, when it happened, and if anyone else was present. Ask to be informed of the solution.

5. **Give sensible advice** –

Top Tips for Kids

If you're being bullied...

- Tell the person to stop
- Use neutral language to respond to the bullying, like 'maybe' or 'that's what you think'
- Walk away
- Try to act unimpressed

But if it's been going on for a while and these don't work....

- Talk to your friends and ask for support
- Talk to your parents
- Talk to your teacher



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Effective Thursday, November 4, 2016, Governor Tom Wolfe signed the new Truancy Legislation Law Under House Bill 1907, which comes into effect immediately.

House Bill 1907, now Act 138 of 2016, will clarify and modernize many of the old truancy laws used under Section code 1326 and 1327 in Pennsylvania today. The laws will be modernized by authorizing school districts to:

- Clarify that a student is habitually truant when he/she reaches **six (6)** unexcused absences within a school year.
- Provide a proactive approach by offering “school attendance improvement conferences” for any student who reaches **three (3)** unexcused absences within a school year and thus address the underlying causes of the student’s absences with the parents/guardians.
- Offer face-to-face meetings or phone conferences by inviting the student person in parental relation to discuss the child’s absences before a citation is filed with the district magistrate so the district may develop a written school Truancy Elimination Plan (TEP).
- Provide schools with the discretion to refer children to a school or community based program, (Example: Crime Victims Center, Connections to Classroom, Justice Youth Program, etc.)
- Make referrals to Children and Youth Services (CYS), and/or file citations within the District Magistrate depending on the age of the child.
- Enables the courts to exercise the discretion of suspend sentences for truancy convictions and waive fines, if the child is attending school in compliance with the court’s plan.
- Refrain from additional citations for truancy violations from being filed while a truancy proceeding is already pending.
- Clarifies that fines, community service, attendance at a course or program designed to improve school attendance shall be the first penalty imposed for a violation of the compulsory attendance law.
- Permits a child with a summary offense conviction for violations of the compulsory school attendance requirements to have their record expunged and restoration of lost privileges, if they meet specific requirements.

This transition will take effect immediately and we expect to see more parent/guardian and student engagement with our teachers and staff thus increasing attendance and graduation rates district wide.

If you have any further questions regarding the new truancy law changes, please feel free to contact your building principal or Mr. Jason Hutchinson.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Christopher Pegg
Superintendent



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter serves as notification that for the safety of our students, the Albert Gallatin Area School District has installed video surveillance systems which include audio recording on all buses that your children will be riding.

A video camera on a school bus is but an aid to monitor bus behavior. As stated in the District readopted Policy No. 810.2, cameras may be placed in any district contracted or owned bus or vehicle as authorized by the district Superintendent.

All students shall be informed through the student handbooks and stickers placed in each school bus warning them that they are subject to being videotaped and audio-taped on the bus at any time.

Our mission is the safety of all students in the Albert Gallatin Area School District.

Sincerely,

Bill Parnham
Transportation Director

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Parnham", enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

"The mission of the Albert Gallatin Area School District is to achieve educational excellence for all students."



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Dear Parents and Guardians:

In compliance with federal guidelines set forth in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015, Albert Gallatin Area School District is attempting to identify all children within the district that may be experiencing homelessness.

The term homeless children and youth is defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. This includes individuals:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason;
- Living in a motel, hotel, trailer park or campground due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations or similar settings;
- Living in substandard housing (no running water or working utilities, etc.).

Children who are experiencing homelessness may qualify for assistance with free school lunch, school supplies/materials, tutoring and transportation so that they can remain in their school of origin.

If you believe your child(ren) may qualify for this service, please contact the principal of your child(ren)'s school. You may also contact me at 724-564-7190 Ext. 8121.

If your living situation changes during the school year, and you and your children become homeless, please be sure to contact the school. We will work with you so that your child(ren)'s education is disrupted as little as possible.

Sincerely,

Jason Hutchinson
Homeless Program Liaison

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- Eye Care
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CHIP covers uninsured kids up to age 19 in Pennsylvania. It doesn't matter why your kids don't have health coverage right now; CHIP may be able to help. Most kids receive CHIP for free. Others can get the same benefits at a low cost.

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