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Dear Parents and Students:

As we enter a new school year, my sincere concern is that every child has the opportunity to receive the best possible education here in East Montgomery County. I firmly believe with good manners, a good education, and a strong work ethic anyone can be a success.

It is in the best interest of each student, each household, and this community for our children to be properly educated. In order for that to happen every child must attend school as required by law.

With that thought in mind I am outlining the process of what you can expect if you receive a citation that requires appearance in my court for not attending school or exhibiting inappropriate behavior at school or on school grounds.

If the student is under the age of 17 they *must* be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. If the student is 17 or older they may appear on their own.

UPON A FINDING OF GUILTY, if it is a 1st offence for fail to attend school – the student will be court ordered to school, fined, *and* required to complete community service. For any other school offense, the student will be fined and required to complete community service.

Any additional unexcused absences or inappropriate behavior will result in additional penalties.

UPON A FINDING that the defendant has violated any Court Order, the Defendant may be found in Contempt of the Court and fined an amount up to \$500.00. If age 17 and older, Contempt of Court constitutes **Jail** time and a fine. At the age of 16 and under you may be transferred to Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department for a referral to the Juvenile Court for an adjudication hearing.

UPON A FINDING that the Defendant's Parent(s) or Guardian, by any act of omission contributed to, caused or encouraged any conduct that resulted in the Defendant's failure to *compel* with this order, the Defendant's Parent(s) or Guardian shall be found in Contempt of the Court's Order and fined an amount up to \$500.00.

When you are summoned or receive a notice to appear in Court and you do not, you may be found in Contempt of Court, and if you are 17 or older, a **warrant may be issued for your arrest**. If you are 16 or younger, a **Writ of Attachment may be issued to pick you up and bring you into court**.

Thank you,


Honorable James Metts, Pct.4