







# Statewide attendance campaign goals:

- Reduce chronic absenteeism rates
- Increase daily attendance rates
- Increase awareness and educate all stakeholders about the impact of attendance on academic achievement and social and emotional learning

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### Let Them Grow: PLAY CLUB

"Play is the place where children are most in control of their own lives. It is where they learn to create and direct their own activities. It is where they learn to solve their own problems and learn, therefore, that **the world is not so scary after all**. Play is where they experience joy and they learn the world is not so depressing after all. Play is where they learn to get along with peers and see from others' points of view, and practice empathy, and get over narcissism. Play is by definition creative and innovative."

 $-\mbox{\rm PETER}$  GRAY, Boston College Professor of Psychology, Cofounder of Let Grow

Let Them GROW!	<ul> <li>Play Club: After school free-form in-person play and socializing, without adult structure or intervention</li> <li>Play Club Supervisors are "lifeguards"</li> <li>All ages of kids</li> <li>Kids lead and direct their own play and activity</li> <li>Kids resolve their own challenges and spats</li> </ul>

Let Them GROW!	But what if you're left out? You adjust to fit in or find a group where you do.
	Fall down? You get back up so you can keep playing.
	Someone's cheating? You figure out how to make things work—so you can play some more.
	When you played as a kid, was an adult always with you? No.
	Did you figure out how to deal with a bossy-pants? A cheater. A friend who turned on you? Yes.
	Was it painful? Probably.
	Those were <b>growing pains</b> . To assume <b>we</b> could deal with this discomfort, but our kids cannot, is insulting and untrue.

Let Them Grow: Practical Life Homework	When adults step backkids STEP UP!  A simple, life-changing homework assignment:  "Go home and do something new ON YOUR OWN."  Climb a tree Run an errand Make a meal Bake a cake Make an appointment Walk the dog Host a party Rearrange your room

# Cell Phone Protocols Elementary Middle School

### Suggested rubric with five domains:

- · Student Academic Growth
- Student Social/Emotional/Behavioral Growth
- Leadership (Ethics & Communication)
- Operations
- · Community Building

### **Director's Evaluation**

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## **Suggested 2025-26 Board Goals & Priorities**

- Expand mathematics pedagogy & fidelity
- Educate stakeholders and the community about Montessori education, particularly building independence and resilience in students
- Develop Artificial Intelligence policies and procedures and incorporate appropriate AI usage into teacher work and student learning

THANK YOU	
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