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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Early College Academy is committed to inform the parents about missing children issues and take appropriate actions immediately in accordance with its board approved missing children policy. See more info below in regard to missing children in Ohio.

MISSING CHILDREN IN OHIO STATISTICS

- Based on these statistics, the Clearinghouse documented 25,047 persons reported missing in 2016. Of those, 19,902 were children, with 10,569 females and 9,333 males reported missing. Authorities reported that 98 percent -- a total of 19,503 children -- were recovered safely.
- The complete report can be accessed at Ohio Attorney General's website:
<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/getattachment/e3277b0b-8c3f-4888-aad0-0cd4f12a9f10/2015-Missing-Children-Clearinghouse-Annual-Report.aspx>

REPORTING MISSING CHILDREN IN OHIO

- In 2011, the Ohio Missing Persons Unit (MPU) was relocated to better coordinate and convey information about services related to missing children and adults.
- The MPU has a toll-free hotline, **800-325-5604**, to field calls from law enforcement, parents, community members, and the media. The hotline is answered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- The MPU's website, www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/MissingPersons, is also available to provide visibility for missing person cases and as a central location for families and the public seeking resources and guidance

REPORTING MISSING CHILDREN TO YOUR SCHOOL

- Under State's "Missing Child Law", parents or guardians must notify the school by the morning of any school day their child is not attending.

Please feel free to contact me for any further questions

Respectfully,

Jonathan Stevens
Superintendent