



We are committed to a child-centered environment where students are emotionally secure, physically active, and nutritionally aware; ensuring high academic achievement.

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Mike Thompson, Executive Assistant
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Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you very much for investigating the data submitted by our school regarding truancy rates for the 2007-2008 school year. As we discussed in our telephone conversation, the number of trancies reported to the state was incorrect. The number that was reported to the DPI was actually the number of students who were **absent** all or part of 10 or more days throughout the school year as opposed to the number of students that were **truant**. In reviewing our attendance reports, the actual number of habitual truants at Merrill Elementary Healthy Living Charter School was **one** student of an enrollment of 252 for a .4% truancy rate. I understand that although the data on the DPI website cannot be changed at this time, that this data error will in no way impact our AYP under NCLB.

Thank you for your assistance. If you should require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Brill
Principal

Cc: Bette Lang, Ed.D. Interim Superintendent
Patricia Vickman, Executive Director of Administration
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