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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT HOSTS

ANNUAL PARENT EXTRAVANZA

FOCUS ON ATTENDANCE AWARENESS

Davenport, Iowa- The Davenport Community Schools is sponsoring its annual "Parent Extravaganza," a conference for parents, grandparents, and guardians of students at Davenport Title I schools. The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 29, 2016 at the Hotel Davenport (formerly the Clarion Hotel), 5202 North Brady Street, Davenport.

The keynote presenters will be Dr. Art Tate, Superintendent of the Davenport Community School District, and The Honorable Frank Klipsch, Mayor of the City of Davenport. September is Attendance Awareness month and the keynote speakers will focus on the importance of school attendance to student academic success, as well as the role parents and the community can play in supporting regular school attendance. (Keynote should begin around 9 a.m.) The Davenport Community School District is in its second year of an attendance initiative that is being rolled out at the elementary school level.

The day includes a Continental breakfast, fun and informative breakout sessions, lunch, snacks and door prizes. The purpose of the day is to connect parents with what is going on in their child's school and offer resources they can use to help their child succeed. The breakout sessions will focus on a variety of ways to help children build math and reading skills at home, connecting home and school, good nutrition for children/families, and technology at home, and several informational sessions on the importance of attendance that offer special tips for parents.

The purpose of the Title I program is to focus additional federal funds on high poverty areas with the goal of improving student achievement. Currently ten elementary and three intermediate schools in the Davenport Community School District receive Title I funding.

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