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Good Morning,

My name is Jillian O'Callaghan, and I am the Dropout Prevention & Truancy Intervention Coordinator, and I am writing you on behalf of the Student Health and Wellness Department in Prince William County Public Schools about the significantly positive impact of Engage Virginia.

Prince William County Schools is the second largest district in Virginia and Engage Virginia has assisted us by providing support, resources, and the ability to build and maintain a strong connection with our families and communities. Engage Virginia has supported us by assisting with vulnerable populations of students and families regarding chronic absenteeism, dropout prevention, and dropout re-engagement.

The four populations of students that were positively impacted by the partnership of Engage Virginia and PW County Schools were students that have dropped out of school in previous school years, our students who have early-exited during the 2022-2023 school year who were 18 years or older, our students enrolled in Computer Based Instruction, and our students (K-12) who missed 30+ school days during the 2022-2023 school year.

As of December 6th, 2023, we referred 3,685 students and Engage Virginia was able to make contact with and support 1,934 students and families. With staffing limited to solely focus on support around chronic absenteeism, dropout prevention, and drop re-engagement across the division, this partnership has been significantly helpful and beneficial for our entire division.

I know Prince William County Schools would be happy to discuss this partnership further and how it has truly impacted our division.

Please reach out if you have any questions or feedback.

Thank you,

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