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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Per the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce,
"House Bill 214 into Ohio law, effective Oct. 24, 2024. The House Bill created a new section in the Ohio Revised Code regarding guidelines for how schools will accommodate student absences due to sincerely held religious beliefs and practices. This language does not replace existing requirements for students to be excused for religious purposes. It does, however, allow parents to notify schools of up to three days for their child to be excused for religious expression.

In addition to being excused, all the following are true for these three days:

1. **Parents must communicate the dates to the school within 14 days of the beginning of the school year.**
2. The school must work to accommodate any conflicts the missing days have with academic requirements.
3. None of the days may count toward the "excessive absence" thresholds that schools communicate to families under Ohio law."

"The policy should only apply to events sponsored by the school."

"Co-curricular activities (for example, field trips and events connected to credited courses like music performances) are included in the school or district's graded course of study and are school-sponsored instructional opportunities. Students participating in co-curricular activities should be marked "present" for purposes of attendance."

Please use the following/attached form to notify Chippewa Local Schools of any Religious Holidays not already on the District/School Calendars for the 2024-2025 School Year and submit to the building principal. Submit one form for each student, even if attending same building.

Student Name: _____

School Building: _____ Grade: _____

Religious Holiday(s) – Please name holiday(s) and date(s) celebrated during the ####/## School Year.

Holiday	Date of Holiday
_____	_____
_____	_____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

