

## **Providing In-Person Instructional Learning Experiences to Students Who Are Chronically Absent**

Students who miss 18 or more days of excused or unexcused absences during the school year not only miss valuable instructional time but are identified as chronically absent by the Virginia Department of Education.

To help address the loss of instructional time and decrease the number of students who are identified as chronically absent,, DCPS offers excellent after-school programs such as Wolfpack After the Bell at RMS. Jr. Wolfpack After the Bell at RES/CES, and remediation and After-school Tutoring in all our schools, including RHS. These programs are taught by licensed teachers and staff members.

**HOW DOES IT WORK:** A student in K - 5 participating in two (2) hours of after-school instructional time per week can reduce their number of chronic absences by one day with a limit of 15 days. Grade 6 - 12 grade students participating in three (3) hours of after-school instructional time per week can reduce their number of chronic absences by one day, also with a limit of 15 days. Transportation and meals are provided for students participating in any after-school programs.

If you are interested in your child joining in worthwhile learning activities after school and helping them reduce the number of chronic absences, please contact your child's principal or assistant principal for more information.