

SAMPLE LETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL - MORE THAN JUST A DAY

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We would like to invite all of our families to our "Dads Take Your Child To School" event on September 20, 2013 from _____ to _____.

We encourage all fathers and father figures to take their children to school and stay for a few activities. Activities will include: _____ . All father figures are welcomed—including stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, and cousins, etc. Remember, although the event is centered on fathers, mothers and other family members will be embraced as participants.

Why is YOUR SITE: _____ hosting this event? Youth need positive role models to help successfully navigate the transition into adolescence and early adulthood. When fathers play these active roles alongside mothers, children tend to be more confident, earn better grades and exhibit healthier behavior. This statewide initiative supported by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, is designed to spotlight the importance of parental involvement in a child's education.

During and after this event, we hope all fathers feel more welcomed AT YOUR SITE: _____. We want all dads to come back and stay involved in their children's education for years to come. We encourage you to participate in this important day. For more information on Dads Take Your Child To School, please contact _____ at _____. We hope to see you there.

THE "DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL" PLEDGE

- I will take my child or a child to school and I will encourage them to do their best every day at school.
- I am responsible for the education of my child.
- I will volunteer at my child's school three times this school year.
- I will pick up my child's progress report or grade report.
- I will meet with my child's teachers at least two times this year and support them in educating my child.
- I will mentor my child or a child and I will teach children the values of education and family.
- I will work with my child's mother or guardian to achieve the best academic and social outcomes for my child, even if I do not live with my child.

AWARD OF PARTICIPATION

NEW JERSEY DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY

_____ in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families and the Division of Family and Community Partnerships presents

with this certificate of appreciation for his participation in Dads Take Your Child To School day on this _____ day of _____ 2013.

Agency Director