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To All Our Decas Families:

It is hard to believe that it is January, 2012! I hope that you and your family have enjoyed the vacation break and found time to relax and have fun during this very busy holiday season.

As we enter our new year, we continue to focus on our most important goal – increasing student achievement at all levels. Our staff is continually looking for ways to improve and share the common belief that everyone can improve, no matter how good we already are. We hold this same belief for the students we teach each day. As educators, we believe that all students can improve their learning through hard work and consistent attendance in school.

On behalf of the staff at the Decas School, I am asking for your help in assisting us to ensure that your child has the opportunity to improve their knowledge and grow academically by making their school work and school attendance a priority in your home. Additionally, we ask your help in getting your child to school on time so that they do not miss any important instruction and have the opportunity to start their day off in a calm manner.

Soon our 2012 MCAS exams will be upon us and our students will be asked to complete these assessments to the best of their ability. We ask that all students give their very best effort on these exams. Over the next few months, we will be assisting our students in preparation for these very important benchmark exams. Please understand that this may mean that, at times, there could be some additional homework practice or a requirement of more independent work to be completed by your child. This rigor in instruction is necessary to develop student independence and to help prepare students at exam time as we are not allowed to assist anyone unless they require specialized services.

We, at the John W. Decas Elementary School, thank you for your help in supporting our school goal to increase student achievement for all children.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Panarese
Principal

“To educate all students for life’s responsibilities, challenges and opportunities.”