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Dear Students/Parents/Guardians,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2010-2011 school year. As your Superintendent, I want to continue our effective communication with you and to share important information for your understanding. Our greatest student success is through a cooperative and supportive partnership between the home and the school.

It is with this priority in mind that I want to provide you with a copy of the Code of Student Conduct. Parents and guardians, please take the time to read and review this year's Code of Student Conduct with your child(ren). It contains information on the requirements for attendance, student dress and student behavior. This Code of Student Conduct also provides the explanations of the consequences and penalties associated with failing to meet requirements and standards set forth by this policy. Your knowledge and understanding of the information provided in this booklet is very important.

Please note that the District's *attendance policy* is printed in this booklet. The *attendance policy* gives complete information to students and parents regarding absences, tardies and the potential impact on academic progress. In Florida, as in other states, mandatory school attendance is established through state laws and rules. It is important for parents and students to understand and comply with those requirements. Regular and effective communication between parents and school officials will reduce or eliminate potential serious issues related to student attendance in schools.

Also included in the Code of Student Conduct are the *dress code requirements and guidelines* for student clothing. This information will assist students and parents in determining the appropriate clothing to wear at school and school-sponsored activities. The information should also be very helpful to parents and students when purchasing clothes to be worn to school.

I want to emphasize the position of the Citrus County School Board on *zero tolerance* for school-related violent crime, controlled substances, alcohol and student victimization. Violations of the *zero tolerance* policy will result in the most serious of disciplinary actions. Our goal is to prevent students from harming themselves or others. The *zero tolerance* position of the Citrus County School Board helps to ensure a safe school environment for students, parents and school personnel.

The appropriate behavior of students is critical to achieving student success, establishing a comfortable teaching and learning environment and maintaining school safety. Parents, guardians and students have an important role in ensuring safety in schools. It is your responsibility to report any action(s) and/or information that have the potential or intent to compromise the safety of students, school personnel and others in the school environment. To report information of this nature, please call the School Safety Hotline number at 1-888-ANY-TIPS.

On behalf of the Citrus County School Board, I want to express my appreciation for your understanding of and support for the Citrus County Code of Student Conduct. I also want to thank you for your continued efforts to maintain the priority of a safe school environment. We believe all students are entitled to the greatest opportunities for success in our schools. Students should also be served in safe and comfortable learning environments. Your involvement in our schools and your support of the policies established by the School Board are vital efforts to achieve these goals.

Best wishes for a successful, exciting and enjoyable school year.

Sincerely,

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