## School attendance laws to be strictly enforced

## Negligent parents face penalties

To the parents of Warm Springs students ages 7 and 18 years old:

The Juvenile Coordinators Office is getting concerned parents and grandparents coming into our offices informing us, that their children are not getting their education. The Law and Order Code specifically states that all juveniles between the ages of 7 and 18 are required to attend school full-time.

We are now informing the students and their parents that we are going to be enforcing the Warm Springs Juvenile Law and Order Code 360.500, Compulsory School Attendance. Which means that if you are not in school full time you will be held accountable for not going to school. This includes students that are truant, dropped for lack of attendance, or students that just fail to enroll (juvenile out of control/juvenile in need of supervision.)

Parents, if your child/children are not in school and you are not doing anything about it, you will be held responsible and cited for 305.439, failure to send children to school. Which is a crime, which carries a sentence of one year or \$5,000 fine or both.

Now we all don't have that kind of money to pay or time to sit in jail, so get off those bottoms and get those kids off to school. Then when they do get on the bus to go to school, call the school and make sure your kids are attending classes. We all have to work together to get our kids educated.

The following is the Juvenile Code 360.500 sections 1-4, Compulsory school attendance:

1. Except as provided in subsection 2, all juveniles between the ages of 7 and 18 years who have not completed the twelfth grade are required to attend school full-time. Full-time attendance means attendance each school day unless excused from attendance for that day by the school authorities or by mutual agreement of the school authorities and the Warm Springs Tribe. The school attended may be either a regular public school, a Bureau of Indian Affairs or other federally operated school, an alternative school or alternative course of instruction certified by the Warm Springs Tribe for attendance by tribal members, or a private or parochial school accredited by the State of Oregon or certified by the Warm Springs Tribe for attendance by tribal members.

2. In the following cases, juveniles shall not be required to attend school full-time:

(a) Inveniles between the ages of 16 and 18 years who are lawfully employed full-time, who are lawfully employed part-time and in school part-time, or who are engaged in activities equivalent to the preceding.

(b) Juveniles between the ages of 16 and 18 years who have the mutual consent of the school administration of the public school district in which they reside and the parent or other individual baving custody or legal guardianship over the juvenile, and who have been formally excused from attendance by the district school board of the public school district in which they reside, and who have been excused from attendance by the Warm Springs Tribal Council.

3. Except as provided in subsection 2, every person subject to the jurisdiction of the Warm Springs Tribe baving control of any juvenile between the ages of 7 and 18 years who has not completed the twelfth grade is required to send such juvenile to and maintain such juvenile in regular full-time school.

4. Any person who fails to comply with subsection 3 shall be subject to petition and bearing before the Juvenile Court to show cause why the juvenile under his or her control is not attending school. Following hearing, the

Juvenile Court may, in its discretion, enter an Order compelling the person to send the child under his or her control to school, which order may be enforced by the contempt power of the Court.

Contempt powers (Code 200.600):

1. The Tribal Court has inberent power to enforce and maintain dignity and respect for the judicial process. In the reasonable exercise of such power, the Court may punish or compel obedience of those persons who obstruct or interfere with the orderly administration of justice on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

2. Contempt of Court is limited to the following:

(a) Maintenance of order during the conduct of court proceed-

(b) Enforcement of court orders and decrees.

(c) Punishment of out-of-court acts, which tend to obstruct the orderly administration of justice.

Now, as responsible and knowledgeable adults, we know that this carries a sentence of a \$180 fine or three months in jail, or both. Furthermore:

Failure to send children to school (Code 305.439): Except as provided in Warm Springs Tribal Code 360.500, any Indian who shall, without good case,

neglect or refuse to send his or ber children or any children under 18 years of age under his or her care, who have not completed the twelfth grade, to school shall be deemed guilty of failure to send children to school.

Parents, this could cost you a \$5,000 fine or one year in the jail or both.

So people of Warm Springs,

let's get our future educated and make sure they, our children, have a future. If they do not get the education they so badly need, to get by in this world, we will be hurting them and not ourselves.

By the Juvenile Coordinators office, Daisy Ike and Flossie Wolfe.



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## Letters of apology

To the Indians of Warm Springs. My apologies for a DUII plus having less than an ounce of marijuana. I was driving home from Elliot Heights to Kuck-up St. This was a bad choice I made driving while I was intoxicated. I know it was wrong getting behind the wheel driving without the knowledge of my actions. To the court system I appreciate your time and efforts to protect the people of our tribal nation, for now I'll appreciate the values of life that the courts are helping me to understand. Kyal King.

To officer Dennis White I apologize for the actions that happened on the night of Jan. 16 for I was under the influence of booze. And I did not mean a thing toward you, for you were right and just doing your job. So once again no hard feelings cause words can be hurtful. Eldred Heath.

to apologize to Consuelo Daniels, Hopi Tillequats and also to officer Matt Sherwood for my actions on Dec. 7, 2004. I was highly intoxicated that night. But that is no excuse for my actions. Now I'm paying for my actions, sitting in the Warm Springs Correctional Facility. Again I would like to apologize to these individuals. Derek Greene.

Confederated Tribes I apologize for my actions and reactions to the people it may concern while I was under the influence. I realize you're here for our people's protection and well being. I will try to make a difference in me and the people around me. Samuel Scott.

To my family and people of the community of Warm Springs, I would like to apologize for my wrong-doing on 12-17-04. Being under the influence of drugs (meth). I'm truly sorry for my actions. I'm trying my best to get my life back on track and I'm grateful to be here today. Simon Jim.

To whoever it may concern: I was told to write a 50 word apology letter so here it is and I will try to do my best. I'm not real good at this. I did a very dumb thing a while back and got in trouble and caused myself a lot of problems. I am trying to deal with these problems. I apologize to everyone. Loreen Dennis.

To the community of Warm Springs, I'm writing this apology for driving infractions almost a year ago. I was cited for reckless driving, failing to do duties I, Dereke Greene, would like of a driver. I was wrong but being a father I was worried about one of my children. Again I apologize for the actions. Jerry Clement.

To the people of the Warm Springs community and the visitors, I would like to take the time to apologize for my actions on the first of January, 2005. I should have had my tail lights on. I thought I did. In the future I will be more cautious. To the Tribal Court and the Thanks for your time. John

> I'd like to say I'm very sorry to all of my beautiful children who could have been seriously hurt with me when instead could have been safe at home. But I was too impatient to go, and endangered our lives. Sorry.

Love you boys a lot. Also to the community, sorry. See you all later. Denise Miller.

To the tribal people of Warm Springs, I, Lance Boise, was court ordered to write an apology to the community. I was picked up on Jan. 1 at about 7:21 a.m. for driving a vehicle that had defective equipment. Me and four other passengers were in the vehicle. Three of the five were taken into custody by the Warm Springs Police Department. I know the actions I have committed on the reservation were wrong. I deeply regret driving that morning so early, especially with a defective vehicle. I just wanted the people of this community to know that I realized my mishap that day. But since it was my first offense for possession, I received a \$1,000 fine suspended, 120 days with 110 suspended, three months added to my probation, and 25 hours of community service. And a restart on my counseling sessions. I do hope that justice has been served because that is what they do, justice. Lance Boise.

Next deadline for the Spilyay is Friday, Feb. 11. Thank you.





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