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Dear Parent(s):

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the start of the 2016-17 school year and introduce my role here at Blacklick Valley. As the Child Find coordinator, I will be working with many students throughout this school year. I will be monitoring your child's grades and meet with them as deemed necessary. The purpose of the Child Find program is to ensure success in your child's classroom. The following paragraph is an explanation into the mandatory program.

What is it?

Child Find is a mandatory component of the IDEA law for students thought to be in need of special services. Child Find monitors the progress of **all** students and recognizes those students that are demonstrating academic, behavioral, and/or social/emotional difficulties.

Child Find at Blacklick Valley Junior-Senior High School is a multi-faceted process that includes three different programs available to students. They are as follows: the Student Assistance Program (SAP), the RTII program, and the Active Child Find Program. If, after being monitored by the Child Find Team, a student presents him/herself with a need for specific interventions, the team determines which program would appropriately address the student's needs. Following obtaining parent permissions, a referral is made to one of the three programs to initiate interventions for the student.

Thank you for reading the information regarding the Child Find process. We are all working together to make your child's year at school a successful one! Parental involvement is crucial to the success of all our efforts. Through this team process, we are confident that we will make a difference. Below is my contact information if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Build a community of stakeholders who
Value education and graduate
Students who are college/career ready and are
Dedicated to life-long learning.