A Ride to School Dilemma

The following video focuses on identifying the legal concerns an educator may face.

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HOST: Ron Clark has been teaching science at Franklin Middle School for more than four years. Recently he noticed one of his students, Theresa Miller, has been arriving later and later to first period class. Today she showed up a full thirty minutes after the class started.

THERESA MILLER: I'm sorry, Mr. Clark. I know I'm late again.

RON CLARK: Theresa, this is turning into a real problem.

THERESA MILLER: There's nothing I can do about it. My mom got another job and she doesn't get home from work until after eight.

RON CLARK: That's alright. Look, I'll talk to your mom and we'll figure something out.

I could tell Theresa was upset. She lives outside of the district so we don't provide bus transportation for her to get to school. I called Theresa's mom several times; never got ahold of her. I left her a message to please get in contact with me at her earliest convenience to talk about her daughter's late arrivals.

RON CLARK: This note doesn't help Theresa. She's still missing half of my class.

RON CLARK: Yeah, I know where that is. It's actually not far from where I live.

RON CLARK: Look, I know you need to work. Look, do you have a friend or a relative who can drop your daughter off?

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