



What Promotes Engagement and Attendance? Insights from Students, Parents and Educators

Attendance Awareness Campaign Webinar #2 Discussion Guide

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Below are a suggested set of discussion questions for schools and communities to reflect upon insights gained from this webinar. Feel free to use some or all of the questions to prompt a rich conversation about how to take action.

1. The voice of students, families, and educators

- a. Are you drawing upon the perspectives and insights of students, families and educators to inform lessons learned from the past year and planning for the new school year? If not, how can you take a more inclusive problem-solving approach?
- b. What are students, families and educators in your community saying about the challenges they are experiencing?
- c. Are there particular grades, schools or student groups who are especially affected by chronic absence? What do you know about their strengths and challenges and perspectives?

2. Attendance Messaging

- a. Are you messaging about why showing up matters to students? What is working? What could be better?
- b. How might you use the [Showing Up Matters for R.E.A.L. Toolkit](#)?

3. Taking a systemic and data driven approach to engagement and attendance:

- a. What are the systems and practices that are currently in place to address absenteeism?
- b. How could you apply what you heard on the webinar to improve the quality and use of data to inform your approach to reducing student absenteeism?