



What Works to Sustain Engagement and Attendance

Attendance Awareness Campaign Webinar #4 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. Sustaining engagement and attendance

- a. How might you leverage any of the strategies shared during the webinar (i.e. home visits carried out over time, community schools, whole child approaches)?
- b. How would you tailor these types of programs to the student and family assets, cultures, and languages of your community?
- c. What resources could you draw upon to sustain and support such strategies?

2. Using data to inform action

- a. Do staff at your school routinely have access to real-time attendance data?
- b. Given your chronic absence and attendance data, which students or schools would you prioritize for support?
- c. How would you collect information from students, families, and school staff to better understand barriers and what would help improve attendance?

3. Role of Community partners

- a. What role have community partners played in getting students engaged and improving attendance in your community?
- b. What has supported your work with community partners? What has made your work with partners challenging?
- c. What would it take to expand your work with partners? Who else might you recruit to support your attendance efforts?