



A Welcoming and Healthy Return to School: Ensuring Showing Up

Attendance Awareness Campaign Webinar #3 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. Engaging Previously Chronic Absent Students:

- a. Which grades or groups of students in your school or community were chronically absent during the previous school year? If you don't know, consider using these [data tools](#).
- b. What do you know about these students and their families' strengths and attendance barriers?
- c. How can you engage these students and their families in the first month of school?

2. Parents/Caregivers As Key Partners

- a. The Parent Institute for Quality Education presented key findings of their 2023 Family Needs Assessment Survey. What key findings resonate with you?
- b. How is your district, community or school engaging families as partners in their children's education, including establishing a routine of every day attendance?
- c. Are you communicating in families' home languages? If not, what community partners or agencies could help you do so?

3. A Healthy Return to School

- a. What is your district or school doing to ensure a welcoming and healthy return to school?
- b. Specifically, are there ways your district or school is helping families make the connection between staying healthy, and attendance and learning?
- c. How can you incorporate the [health guidance](#) shared during the webinar into upcoming communications and/or school events?