



On the Front Line: The Crucial Role of Teachers

Attendance Awareness Campaign Webinar #1 Discussion Guide April 3, 2024

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.

Chronic absence in your community

1. What are the levels of chronic absence in your community?
2. Are there particular grades, schools or student groups who are especially affected by chronic absence?
3. What are the biggest challenges and barriers affecting student attendance in your community?

The role of teachers in improving engagement and attendance

1. Are teachers in your community involved in helping students show up every day? If yes, in what ways? How are teachers in this webinar leveraging their daily classroom activities to promote attendance and engagement? Can teachers in your communities adopt similar practices?
2. What would help teachers in your community get more involved in improving attendance and engagement? Who can provide such support? (consider the role of principals, district offices, unions).

Cultivating allies

1. Who do you need to be working with to improve attendance in your school and community?
2. What information and resources do you plan to take back to your school and community?