

## Discussion Guide

### Every Student, Every Day: A Virtual Summit on Addressing and Eliminating the Attendance Gap

**Facilitators:** *These are suggested questions to spark a conversation. Depending on the time you have allotted for discussion, you may choose to focus only on question 1 or go into greater depth using all the questions provided.*

1. What is one key insight or idea that you are taking away from the Virtual Summit?
2. Balfanz and Chang emphasize that chronic absence is a solvable problem and shared what works in a variety of communities across the country. Specifically, Dr. Balfanz laid out a three-step process for addressing chronic absence: Measure, Monitor and Act. Where is your community in this process? Given where you are, what would help you move forward?
  - **Measure:** Does your community have its chronic absence data?
  - **Monitor:** Does your community have an early warning system that alerts you to students who begin missing too much school?
  - **Act:** What strategies are you using to reduce absenteeism?
3. The panelists from New York City, Grand Rapids and Tennessee presented different strategies for addressing the problem of chronic absence. Which ones do you think might be helpful in your community?
4. What is one key next step that you would like to take to help your community move forward?