



# SUPERINTENDENTS CALL TO ACTION MISSING SCHOOL MATTERS!

The best curriculum and instruction won't work unless students show up for school!

As many as 6.5 million students nationwide miss nearly a month of school every year, excused and unexcused absences that erode student achievement. As superintendents, we are launching this new school year with a commitment to:

- 1. Prioritize Attendance:** We are making reducing chronic absence a top priority in our districts from the superintendent to the teachers, from the school staff to the families.
- 2. Mobilize the Community:** We are making student attendance a broadly owned and widely shared civic priority. That includes engaging families and tapping civic and elected leaders, local businesses, health providers, housing authorities, clergy members and more.
- 3. Drive with Data:** We are using data to determine how many and which students are chronically absent in each grade, school and population. And we are intervening to ensure absences don't add up.

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