

Nurture Dreams: Ensure Students Feel Safe, Supported, Connected and Engaged

Webinar Discussion Guide

Below are a suggested set of key questions to prompt discussion about what communities might do to engage families to address attendance given insights shared during the webinar. Feel free to use some or all to prompt a rich conversation about how to take action.

1. Consider the Get Schooled survey results.
 - a. What struck you about what teens had to say about school attendance?
 - b. What do you know about what teens think in your community?
2. The 2019 Attendance Awareness Campaign theme is “We Belong in School.” The speakers on the webinar shared strategies such as peer mentoring to help teens feel that they belong in school.
 - a. Which ones might work for youth in your community so that they feel safe, connected, supported and engaged in school?
 - b. Which strategies might be particularly helpful for student groups that traditionally don’t feel they belong in school?
 - c. What resources or organizations could you leverage in your community to support a mentoring strategy?
3. Explore the 2019 Count Us In toolkit and key messages for the 2019 Attendance Awareness Campaign, which you can find here: <http://awareness.attendanceworks.org/> How might you tailor the free resources in the toolkit to address your community’s realities in your local 2019 Attendance Awareness Campaign?