

Belonging and Engagement: The Key to Showing Up

Attendance Awareness Campaign Webinar #1 Discussion Guide March 30, 2023

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. Currently, what are the biggest challenges affecting student engagement and attendance in your community?
- 2. What are the levels of chronic absence in your community?
- 3. Are there particular grades, schools or student groups who are especially affected by chronic absence?
- 4. How are you using data to prioritize the students that need the most support?

Student belonging and engagement

- 1. What insights do you gain from this webinar about how to create belonging and engagement given the physical and mental health challenges affecting students?
- 2. How will you ensure that students who have experienced challenges during the past school year benefit from enriching summer activities?

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