



## Creating a Culture of Belonging and Engagement: Principals in Action

### Attendance Awareness Campaign Webinar #3 Discussion Guide August 7, 2024

Below are a suggested set of discussion questions for schools and communities. Feel free to use some or all of the questions to prompt a rich conversation about how to take action.

#### **Taking a Team Approach for Reducing Chronic Absence**

1. Do you have a team responsible for attendance and engagement? If not, how might you create one or make this a responsibility of an existing team?
2. If you have a team, how do you use data to inform your planning and actions? How could you improve how you use data given what you heard today?
3. What are some common challenges you've faced with chronic absenteeism in your school and how do they compare to those mentioned by the panelists?
4. In what ways can you involve the entire school staff in attendance improvement efforts, similar to the strategies discussed by all panelists?

#### **Adapting Attendance Strategies that Strengthen Connection and Relationships**

1. How do you think the strategies discussed by the panel can be adapted to fit your district or school's unique needs and demographics?
2. How do you currently foster relationships and partnerships with families to improve attendance?
3. What are extracurricular activities, clubs or programs that have been successful for building connections and relationships with students in your school?
4. How important do you think it is for students to have ownership of their learning and attendance goals, as emphasized by the panelists? How can you encourage this in your school?

#### **Addressing Health Related Absences**

1. How do you currently address health-related absences in your school, and what additional measures could you implement to ensure students stay healthy and in school?
2. How can you use the health-related materials shared during the webinar?