

Open Doors: Create a Healthy School Climate

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Below are a suggested set of questions to prompt discussion about what communities might do to create a healthy school climate given insights shared during the webinar. Feel free to use some or all to prompt a rich conversation about how to take action.

- The speakers on the webinar shared three school-wide strategies to create a healthy school climate: 1) parent teacher home visits to create positive relationships between adults, 2) restorative practices to change relationships between adults and students, and 3) health and mental health supports. Which of these might you use in your school or community? How could it help? What might need to be modified? Who would need to be involved in putting it in place?
- 2. Explore the evidence-based strategies in FutureED's and Attendance Works' Attendance Playbook (<u>https://www.future-ed.org/attendance-playbook/</u>). If you are just starting your local awareness campaign, which Tier 1 strategies might you consider? If you are wondering how to refresh or expand your strategies to improve attendance, what is one new idea you can glean from the Playbook?
- 3. Take a look at the 2019 Count Us In toolkit and the Key Messages for the 2019 Attendance Awareness Campaign. You can find them here: <u>http://awareness.attendanceworks.org/</u> How might you tailor the free resources in the toolkit to address your community's realities in your local 2019 Attendance Awareness Campaign?

Please let us know how your community is raising awareness about the importance of attendance in 2019. You can <u>Share Your Story</u> with us: <u>https://awareness.attendanceworks.org/resources/share-your-story/</u>