

# Outline & Resources

## Session #1: Fall 2023 Whole School Engagement Strategies for Reducing Student Absenteeism

### Louisiana (Elementary/Middle), Group 2

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This is an outline of the resources found in the presentation slides.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Holiday Messaging</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">How to Text Message Parents to Reduce Chronic Absence Using an Evidence-Based Approach</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Student Attendance Success Plan</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Sign up for the 2023 Attendance Awareness Campaign</a></li> </ul>
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