

# Outline & Resources

## Session #1: Fall 2023

### Whole School Engagement Strategies for Reducing Student Absenteeism

#### Louisiana (High Schools), Group 3

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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="#">Strategies for Connecting with Students &amp; Families</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Year-long Planning Calendar</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Letters for Families</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Spring Attendance Dips</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Strengthen Summer Learning</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Stay the Course - Winter Messaging toolkit</a></li> <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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50-51	<b>Appendix</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Updated <a href="#">District &amp; School Attendance Tracking Tools</a></li> </ul>