The Importance and Impact of Attendance on 60% by 2025
November 2, 2016
November 3, 2016

at 8:30 a.m!!!

College Changes Everything...
Continuing the Conversation

A Learning Community Focused on Student College and career Readiness and Success
Our Subject

The Importance and Impact of Attendance On the 2025 state goal.

51 stakeholders from regions across the State of Illinois
ILLINOIS ATTENDANCE COMMISSION

Created in 2015 within the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to study the issue of and make recommendations to the General Assembly on strategies to increase attendance in the state.

- Chief Sponsor: State Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia
- Senate Sponsor: Sen. Jacqueline Collins
SMALL AND WHOLE GROUP DISCUSSIONS:

- What success stories have you seen or heard of with respect to attendance, truancy prevention, and student/family engagement?
- What barriers do families, students and districts encounter in student enrollment and retention?
- How have you approached attendance/attending issues with special student populations (students with documented disabilities, highly mobile, students experiencing homelessness, students in the criminal justice system, students with family demands/obligations, etc.)?
- What else would you like the Commission to consider in moving its work forward related to student attendance?
WHAT WE LEARNED

- Many are not aware of recent shifts in attendance such as compulsory age of attendance.
- A clear and transparent definition of attendance policies and procedures is crucial, it should be available to everyone within a district and reviewed by everyone annually.
- High school, middle school is too late to intentionally engage students, families and the community when it comes to attendance and truancy.
We also learned

- Positive family engagement is needed...it is a must have.
- Illinois State Board of Education Family Engagement Framework.
Family engagement reduces absenteeism.

Studies of schools instituting high-quality family engagement programs also show that these schools have higher attendance rates than similarly matched schools without such programs.

Researchers examining family engagement practices at 18 schools found that communications with families and family workshops helped both chronically and occasionally absent students. Home visits, particularly those that can "humanize" school policies around absences, also improved chronic absence rates.

Source: Flamboyan Foundation, 2010
ISBE Family Engagement Framework:

Dual Capacity-Building and Generational Approach Working in Partnership

**Schools and Districts**
- Develop a Family Engagement System
- Build a Welcoming Environment
- Enhance Communication
- Include Parents in Decision-Making

**Families**
- Support Child Development
- Advocate for School Improvement
- Strengthen Pathways for Self-Sufficiency
- Build Peer to Peer Connections

# Resources for Schools and Families

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“The work of the Attendance Commission can be successful only through significant and intentional engagement with parents, educators, students and community members including but not limited to the faith based community and the business community.”
**STEP 1.**

- Create/Increase Awareness about School Attendance.

- Statewide Attendance Awareness Campaign Kick-Off begins today, right here, right now during CCE 2017, so we can elevate and move the needle on the state’s goal 2025.
National Awareness...Join the Conversation

Pin on the 2017 Action Map

Post your community’s plans for Attendance Awareness Month 2017 on our map

http://awareness.attendanceworks.org/map-2017/
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS...LEAD THE WAY

Superintendent’s Call to Action

Own the issue  Mobilize the Community  Drive with Data

To sign-up for the Call to Action, or to learn more, please visit: www.attendanceworks.org/superintendents-call-to-action
ATTENDANCE AWARENESS’ DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS CALL TO ACTION

All district Superintendents who sign up will be highlighted nationally in September by EdWeek.
2016 ILLINOIS SUPT. WHO RECEIVED NATIONAL RECOGNITION EDWEEK

- Kristin Humphries, East Moline SD 37
- Michael Lubelfeld, Deerfield Public Schools District 109
- Lanty McGuire, Moline-Coal Valley SD
- Jay Morrow, United Township High SD 30
- Nick Polyak, Leyden High SD 212
- Dan Riordan, Reavis High SD 220
- Darryl Taylor, Lincoln ESD 156
WE KNOW THERE IS MORE HAPPENING

- Let us hear from you. This is everyone’s campaign. It will be grow and be shaped over the next three years by all of us.

- We can all seek and share wisdom from each other to collectively lift our state.

- Illinois Attendance Commission e-mail address: attendancecommission@isbe.net
“In my experience, there is wonderful work happening in schools that too few people in the public know about.”

“It’s important that we share the many stories of success that are happening in districts all over Illinois.”
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#EverySTUDENTCountsEveryDAYMatters

#EverySixYearOldInSchool

#DayTwentyOne

#DayOneHundredAndOne
EVERY STUDENT COUNTS EVERY DAY MATTERS
“PSA” STATEWIDE DEBUT

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Life Lessons On Faith, Forgiveness & Grace
FOREWORD BY NANCY WILSON
HJR11 (adopted both houses): Attendance Awareness Campaign
Mr. Marion Jones and Mr. Jayden Triplett

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Play “PSA” DVD here
WE NEED YOU...

Ooo! Ooo!
Me! I'll do it!
Pick me!

GET INVOLVED!
Thank you...