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Attendance Intervention: Creating a Culture of Daily Attendance

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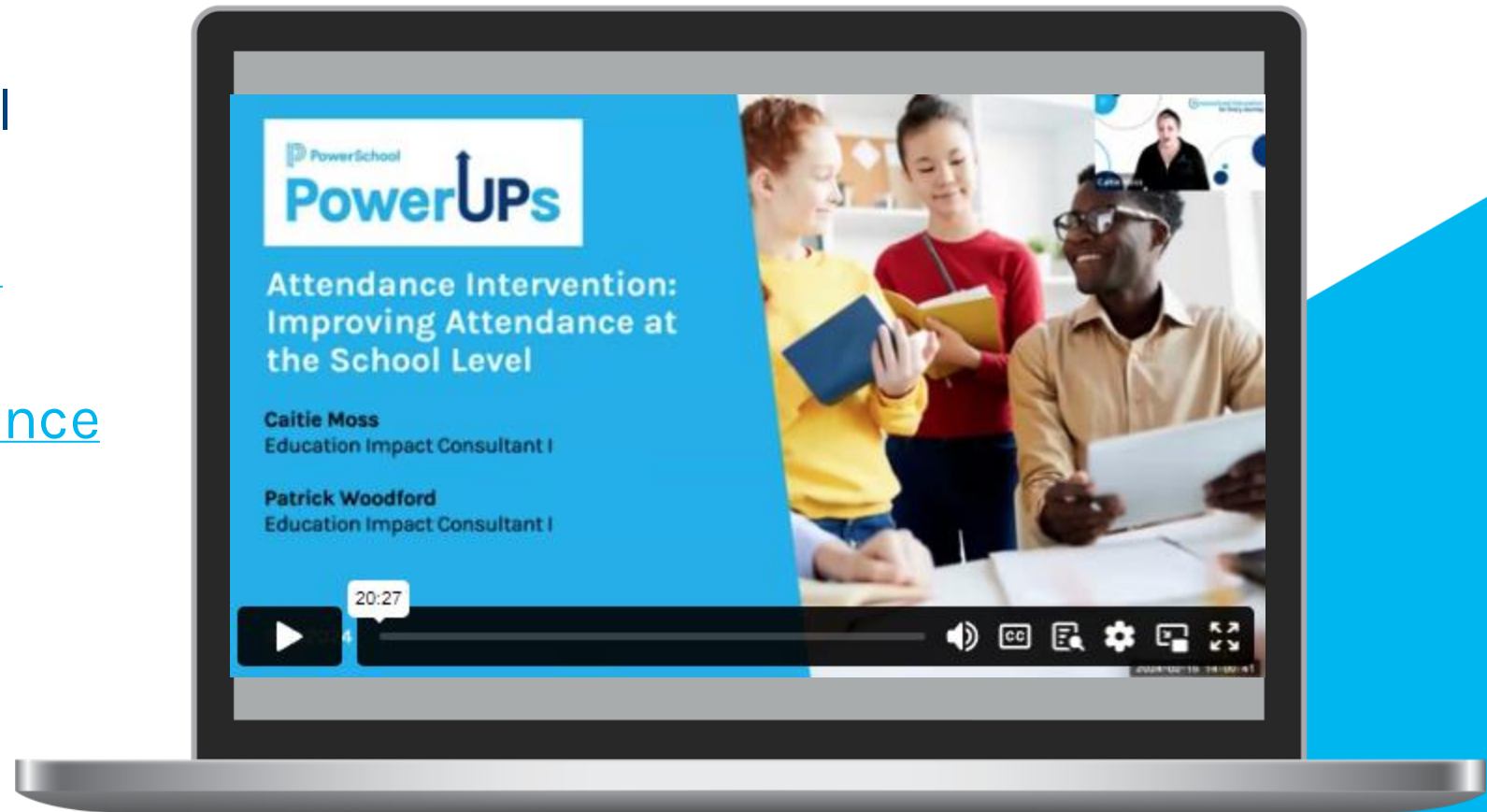
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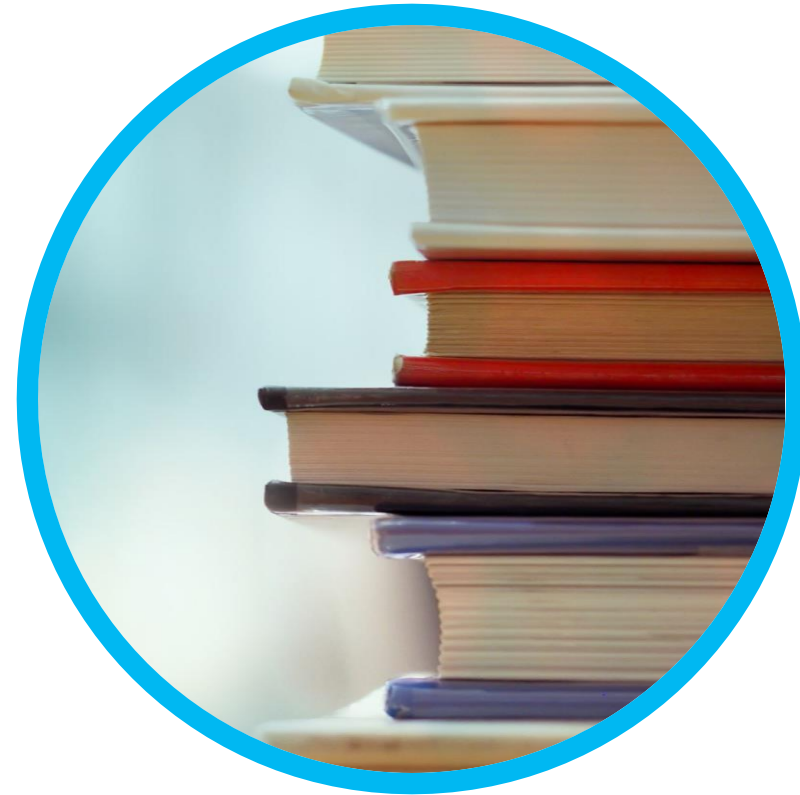
Previously on "PowerSchool PowerUps: AIS"...

- **2/15/2024** - Improving Attendance at the School Level
- [View webinar recording / download slide deck](#)
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Agenda

- 1** Showing Up Matters for R.E.A.L.
*Attendance Works Guide
- 2** Resources
- 3** Upcoming Events



Creating a Culture of Daily Attendance

- Showing Up Matters for R.E.A.L.
 - Build **Routines**
 - Increase **Engagement**
 - Provide **Access** to Resources
 - Support **Learning**



Integrating Attention to Attendance into Daily Routines

- Recognize showing up is just a first step for engagement and learning
- Emphasize working with students and families as partners to ensure students make it to school every day possible
- Give students opportunities to engage, connect, and thrive



What does the research say parents believe about absenteeism?

- Even prior to the pandemic, [research](#) found that families had high hopes for their children yet didn't always realize showing up nearly every day to school was crucial to academic achievement.
- Families thought absences weren't a problem unless they were unexcused.
- Didn't realize missing even 2 days a month could cause child to fall behind

Step 1: Explain Why Attendance Matters

- Agree upon the key messages you want to highlight in your community.
 - Consider the concept of R.E.A.L. when communicating with families with young children and older children, and when talking with youth/teenagers
- Create visual reminders of the importance of regular attendance for student engagement and learning.
 - Classroom
 - Hallways
 - School website
- Integrate talking points into daily interactions with students and families.
 - Morning Greetings
 - AIS messages
 - Recognition of POSITIVE behavior
- Leverage social media.
 - Use [sample social media messages](#) from R.E.A.L. framework to spread the word

Step 2: Cultivate a Culture of Engagement and Attendance for Students and Families

- Nurture Engagement through one-on-one communications
 - Letters
 - Postcards
 - Call/Text prior to school starting
- Offer Resources to Families
 - [Attendance Handouts](#)
 - [Student Attendance Success Plans](#)
 - AIS Attendance Postcards
- Discuss at Schoolwide Gatherings
 - [Bringing Attendance Home](#) video
 - [Interactive Exercises](#)

Step 2 Continued

- Make sure every student is connected to a caring adult.
 - Use this [Relationship Mapping Tool from Harvard University](#) to identify youth who do not currently have positive connections with school adults
- Integrate messages about belonging, engagement, and attendance into seasonal activities and the school calendar.
 - [Spring Slump](#)
 - [Summer Learning](#)
 - [Welcome Back to School](#)
 - [Winter Weather Messaging](#)
- Ensure school activities nurture a sense of belonging among students.
 - Design an [inclusive recess](#)
 - Offer enriching and engaging [expanded learning programming](#)

Step 3 Use Data to Determine Need for Intervention and Additional Support

- Use AIS to calculate chronic absenteeism metrics and send absence letters/notifications
- Have [caring conversations](#) with parents and students about absenteeism .
- Download and complete the Understanding the Root Causes of Absenteeism worksheet from Attendance Works discussed in our [November 2023 AIS PowerUp](#)
- Infuse attendance into Parent Teacher Conferences
- Create a team or integrate attendance into an existing team to review and act upon the data as discussed in [our last PowerUp session](#).

Step 4 Engage Community Partners

- If you need help identifying community partners, use [United Way's 211 system](#). To expand the number of partners who can help with specific services such as temporary housing, food, or medical care, use [FindHelp.org](#).
- Reach out to more than one community partner to help provide supports most needed by students and families.
- Use this link to explore. [Community and Agency Partner suggestions from Attendance Works](#)

Resources

- Attendance Works
 - [Showing Up Matters for R.E.A.L.](#)
- PowerSchool Community
 - [Digital Attendance Postcards](#)
 - [View Student-Level Attendance Data](#)
 - [View Period-Level Attendance Data \(Teachers\)](#)
 - [View Period-Level Attendance Data \(Admin\)](#)
 - [Download Reports via Period-by-Period Bar Chart](#)
 - [Review Course Attendance](#)

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, March 14 at 3pm EST
 - 3 Tiers of Intervention / How-To: Use and Understand Your Attendance Interventions
- Thursday, March 28 at 3pm EST
 - User Accounts & Permissions / Period Attendance Digest
- Thursday, April 11 at 3pm EST
 - Crash Course: Quick Start Guide for New Users



Thank you!