**Mult-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) for Attendance and Truancy**

### ATTENDANCE THROUGH AN MTSS LENS

#### Tier 1: Universal Instruction and Positive Learning Climate for All Students

- Build an attendance plan into your CIWP
- Be deliberate about creating an attendance culture
- Know and follow attendance procedures
- Utilize monthly attendance reports and Attendance Dashboard page to follow attendance trends by student/group
- Incorporate attendance into your continuous use of the Problem Solving Process
- Consistently use progress monitoring to ensure students are appropriately targeted with attendance strategies and supports

#### Tier 2: Targeted Supports for Some Students

- Provide resources for students who are showing signs of struggles
- Utilize the Dashboard tool to identify students who are trending towards chronic absence and chronic truancy; intervene actively
- Activate Behavioral Health/CARE Team
- Activate Restorative Practices
- Activate Check In/Check Out
- Engage all student stakeholders to truly understand what hurdles the student is facing in order to create appropriate responses; the student’s family is an important member of this response
- Review all current supports and ensure that services are being received or modified (i.e., ELL, IEP, STLS supports)

#### Tier 3: Individualized Supports for a Few Students

- Remember: Low attendance is a symptom of other issues; disengagement comes prior to absence
- Analyze student patterns (qualitative and quantitative information) to identify root causes
- Determine what wraparound services need to be considered to support the child’s needs
- Consider social, emotional, academic, community and familiar factors
- Make sure the student’s family is engaged in the planning and intervention to ensure plans can be supported during school hours and after school hours
- Realize that all efforts are important and asking for additional help or a thought partner to intervene is not a sign of failure but a sign of strong resource management
- Engage Network support when needed
- Engage the support of the Attendance and Truancy department when needed.