



TRUANCY AND CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

6/21/2018

Late Material
Meeting Date: 06/21/18
Item #: 35E



Who are we?

- **Presenters**

- Ricky Medina, Ph.D. – Director of Accountability and Assessment
- Alice Valdez – Truancy and Dropout Prevention Specialist

- **Student Attendance Review Board**

- Ron Wood Community Center
- Carson City Juvenile Services
- Carson City Sheriff's Office
- CCSD Student Support Services
- CCSD English Learner Program

- **Other Board Partners**

- CCSD Safe School Professionals and Parent Liaisons
- Carson City District Attorney's Office
- Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)

Our Challenge

- We cannot help (make) students graduate College and Career Ready if they do not attend school.
- **Chronic Absenteeism** – defined as missing more than 10% of school – is a serious issue.
- **Truancy** – defined as students refusing to go to school – is also a serious problem.

Supporting Chronically Absent and Truant Students

- Meet with parents and students to explore root causes
- Home visits to see, hear, and observe
- Identify needs for food, shelter, medical aid, and counseling
- Counsel and pick up students refusing to come to school
- Gaining the trust of students and parents- learning, domestic, trauma, crisis/suicide, and drug issues
- Follow up and monitor students

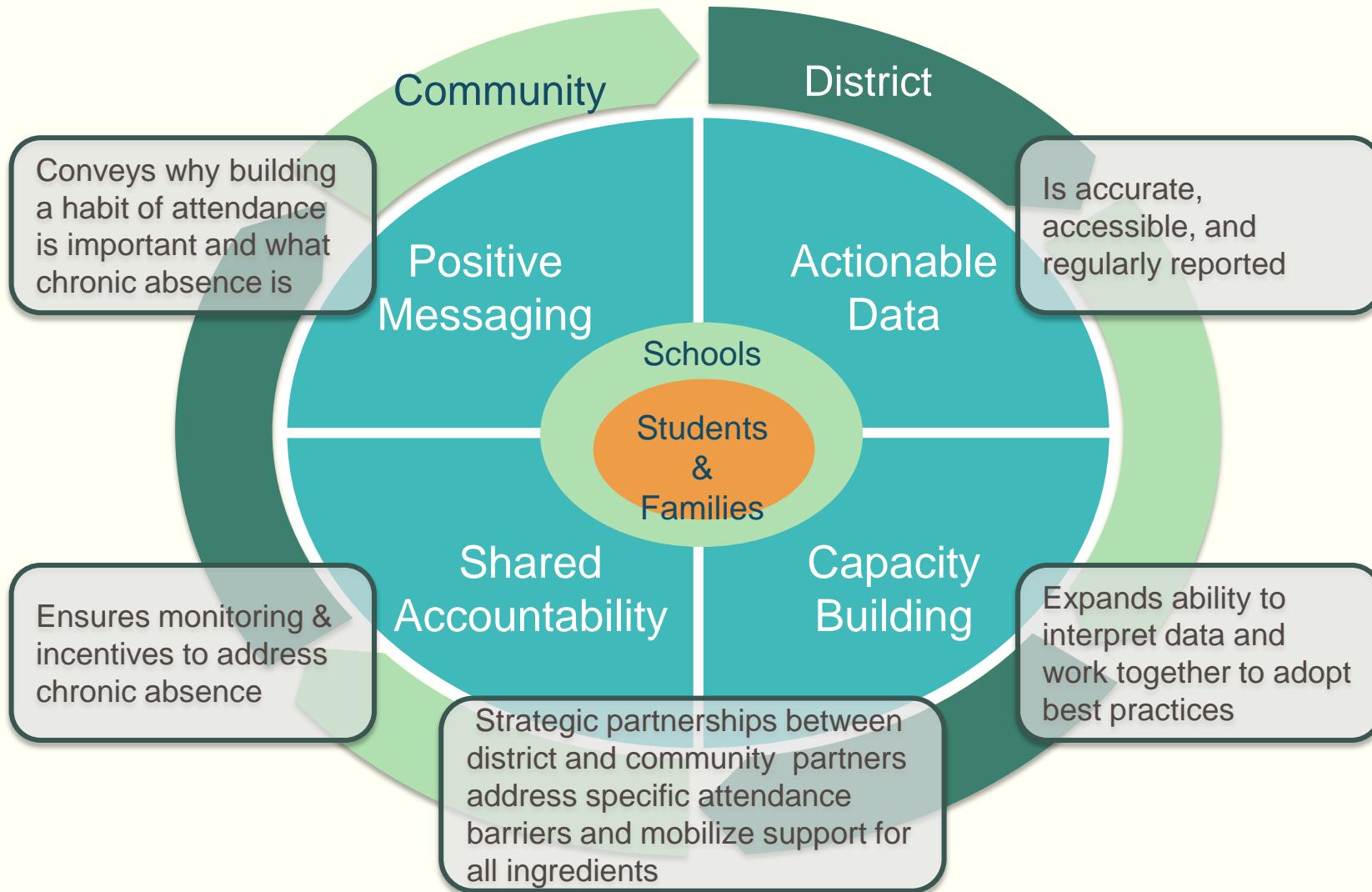
Truancy & The Student Attendance Review Board (SARB)

- Per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), Carson School District (CCSD) has a SARB board that meets each month.
- Students assigned to SARB hearings have been through numerous interventions without success.
- Our SARB hearings are geared as another intervention. The board members are a diverse group of professionals who participate in a collaborative effort to address habitual truants and their parents.
- Per NRS, the SARB may issue citations to the student to appear in juvenile court or community service. This is often a last resort.

Challenges

- Mental Health issues, domestic issues, cultural barriers, poverty, drug issues and lack of stable housing
- Per NRS, really difficult to issue citations to parents who prevent students from continued truancy
- Lack of community awareness on Nevada laws that require students to attend school
- Some employers are unaware or unsupportive of the need for students to attend school

Ingredients for System-wide Success & Sustainability



Any Questions

