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## Talking Points for Discussing Oakland Unified School District's Strides to Improve Attendance

If you are in the position to discuss Oakland Unified's effort in improving early on attendance issues, you may want to cover some of the points listed below.

## **Emphasize what Oakland is doing right:**

- Oakland is now tracking specific data so that we know which schools and students have a problem with absenteeism. By collecting this data, we can intervene to turn the problem around.
- Oakland is increasing resources at schools that need extra help. This can mean a health clinic to help kids suffering from asthma, mentors to help track at-risk students and counselors for those who need more assistance.
- Oakland is engaging city and county agencies, such as the Health Department and the Housing Authority, and other organizations to reduce chronic absenteeism. We are working as a team to fix this problem, ensuring no effort is too small to bring kids back to school.

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