EXERCISE: ATTENDANCE CAFE

Time: 30 minutes

MENU:

Special Today: ATTENDANCE

APPETIZERS

» Welcome and Parent Café Agreements
» 3 Minute conversation with your designated partner. Each partner gets a turn to respond to these questions: How was school attendance for you when you were a student? Did you go every day? Did you miss a lot?

ENTREE

» Discuss this question for 15 minutes: Did you know that children who miss 18 or more days of the school year (2 days a month) starting in kindergarten are less likely to learn to read by third grade and graduate from high school?
» Discuss this question for 15 minutes: What are some of the obstacles that parents face in getting their children to attend school every day?
» Discuss this question on the new table for 15 minutes: What are some ways that parents can overcome these obstacles? How can you help other parents overcome these obstacles?

DESSERT

» Conversation reflection: Table Hosts summarize the conversations at their tables.
» Volunteer to be on an attendance committee
» One-word reflection