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GUSD Attendance Program Recognized as Model School Attendance Review Board

GLENDALE, CA - The California Department of Education recognized GUSD's attendance program as a 2019 Model School Attendance Review Board (SARB) for outstanding strategies to reduce chronic absenteeism and increase student attendance.

The Model SARB award recognizes excellence in specific content areas, including establishing goals and objectives, implementing prevention and intervention strategies, and developing collaborations with local agency resources.

GUSD has established a systematic, collaborative approach to meeting the needs of chronically absent students. The District's Chronic Absenteeism rate is 5.6 percent, well below the State average of 9 percent, as measured by the California School Dashboard. Students are considered chronic absentees if they miss 10 percent or more of the school days they have been enrolled.

"Early intervention and continuous support are the keys to our success in mitigating chronic absenteeism," said GUSD Interim Superintendent Dr. Kelly King. "Our school and district staff, dedicated community partners, and committed families work together to ensure every student succeeds."

GUSD school attendance clerks, counselors and administrators monitor student attendance to identify students who are in danger of becoming chronically absent and provide early interventions at the school level.

Students who become chronically absent are referred to the District's SARB, at which point the GUSD Child Welfare and Attendance department and various community partners provide support, including mental health counselling and transportation, to ensure students improve attendance and succeed in school.

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