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Belong.**

Columbia Public Schools is proud to announce **Be Here. Be Ready. Belong,**

Student Incentive Ideas

Recognition & Rewards

- Big Show-Up VIP Pass — Students with perfect attendance leading up to earn a front-of-the-line lunch pass or reserved seating at assemblies.
- Prize Patrol — Surprise students with small rewards (stickers, pencils, bracelets) when caught showing up on time.
- Attendance All-Stars Wall — Post names/photos of students with perfect or improved attendance.
- Raffle Rewards — Each day a student attends, they earn an entry into a drawing for prizes like gift cards, movie passes, or school swag.
- Principal Shout-Outs: Recognize top-attending students during morning announcements or assemblies.

Fun Student Challenges

- Big Show-Up Badges — Hand out digital or printed badges to students with attendance streaks throughout the year.

Classroom & Grade-Level Challenges

Classroom Competitions

- Big Show-Up Champs Trophy — Traveling trophy awarded to the classroom with the highest attendance percentage by **GOAL DATE**.
- Reward Races — The first class to reach 100% attendance in a given timeframe wins an extra recess, popcorn party, or game time.
- Banner Bragging Rights — Winning classrooms decorate their doors or hallways with brag banners.
- Top 3 Teacher Challenge — Recognize the top three teachers with the best classroom attendance on GOAL DATE with coffee cards, lunch passes, or shout-outs.

Grade-Level Showdowns

- Grade Show-Up Cup — Award a trophy or banner to the grade with the highest attendance leading up to **GOAL DATE**.
- Grade-Wide Rewards — The winning grade gets a pizza party, popsicle day, or extra recess.
- Beat the Grade Challenge — Grades compete to outperform other grades in attendance percentages.

School-Wide Challenges

These make the entire school community rally around the goal.

1. Principal's Dare - If the school meets its attendance goal, the principal commits to something fun and memorable:
 - a. Getting a pie in the face
 - b. Kissing a goat
 - c. Wearing a superhero costume all day
 - d. Sitting in a dunk tank
 - e. Performing an Instagram dance at an assembly

2. School-Wide Milestone Rewards: Set tiered school goals. For example:
 - a. 90% attendance: Popsicle party
 - b. 95% attendance: Extra recess
 - c. 100% attendance: Surprise celebration with music and treats
3. Attendance Spirit Day - Show your school spirit by wearing school colors on a chosen day.
4. Mystery Prize Countdown: Every day that attendance improves leading up to **GOAL DATE** reveal clues about a mystery prize. Build anticipation by keeping the final reward secret until the big day.

Family & Community Challenges

Engage parents and caregivers to support attendance goals.

1. Family Attendance Pledge: Send home a pledge card for families to sign, committing to no unexcused absences through **GOAL DATE**. Students who return signed pledges are entered into a prize drawing.
2. Community Partner Giveaways: Partner with local businesses to sponsor prizes like free ice cream, movie passes, or gift cards for students with top attendance records.