Education Impact Plan: Attendance Focus

The impact of keeping kids in school is dramatic. Along with immeasurable benefits for individuals, youth who stay in school and graduate:

- Earn an average of $700,000 more over a lifetime than their peers that didn’t graduate
- Contribute an average of $60,000 more in taxes to support society
- Are 5 times less likely to spend time in jail
- Are 4 times more likely to be employed
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*In the 2016/2017 school year, three pilot schools for United Way’s attendance efforts saw significant decreases in Chronic and Severe Absences from the previous school year.*