

Plano ISD Attendance Review Board



School Board Update
Student, Family and Community Services Department

What is the Plano ISD Attendance Review Board?

An additional layer of support to enhance current truancy prevention and intervention efforts.

Internally hears individual attendance situations to identify and support the root causes of their absences PRIOR to referring students and families to county truancy court.

Consists of a *mediator* and *representatives* Student, Family and Community Services Department to provide wraparound services for identified students and families.

Why PARB?

The PISD Attendance Review Board will be part of a Multi-Tiered Support System (MTSS) to help re-engage students and families, improve graduation rates and increase the district's attendance rate.



What is the Overall Goal?

To transition truancy prevention/interventions from a legal, punitive approach to an efficient, INTERNAL problem-solving social services approach.



Attendees at PARB Hearings

- **Hearing Clerk**- Checks in families prior to hearings and explains what to expect during hearing. Follows up on weekly progress of families connecting to resources/services.
- **Mediator** -hears cases/issues directives
- **Truancy Prevention Facilitator**- prepares cases prior to hearings, take minutes, records directives
- **Student and Parent/Guardian**- shares personal attendance experience and possible needs
- **Counselor/Social Worker**- available to provide immediate support for intensive individual situations
- **Campus Administrator** - reviews attendance case, background and previous interventions
- **Student, Family and Community Services Specialists**-connects and/or provides resources and support as family adheres to directives

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Health & Safety Protocols

- Temperature check upon entry
- Masks are required
- Hand sanitizer is provided
- Social Distancing is enforced
- Tables are disinfected before and after each case
- No more than 10 people in the hearing room at one time

Administrators and families are asked to enter the building 10 minutes before the hearing start time to help regulate the number of people in the building at one time.



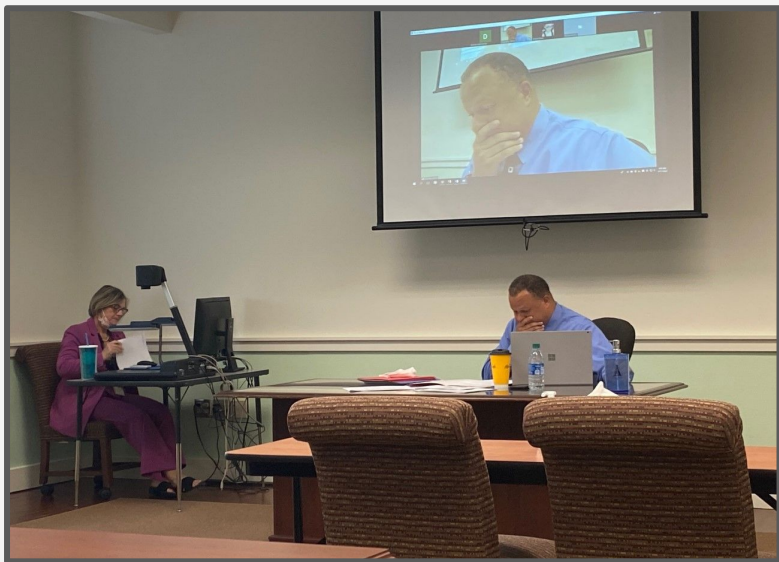
When/Where Will This Intervention Take Place?

- Hearings began September 2020
- Mondays and Thursdays
- 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- PISD Cox Building - 2nd Floor Conf. Room



All PISD administrators have been trained on processes and procedures.

Virtual and In-person Options Available



PARB Hearing by Zoom

PARB In-Person



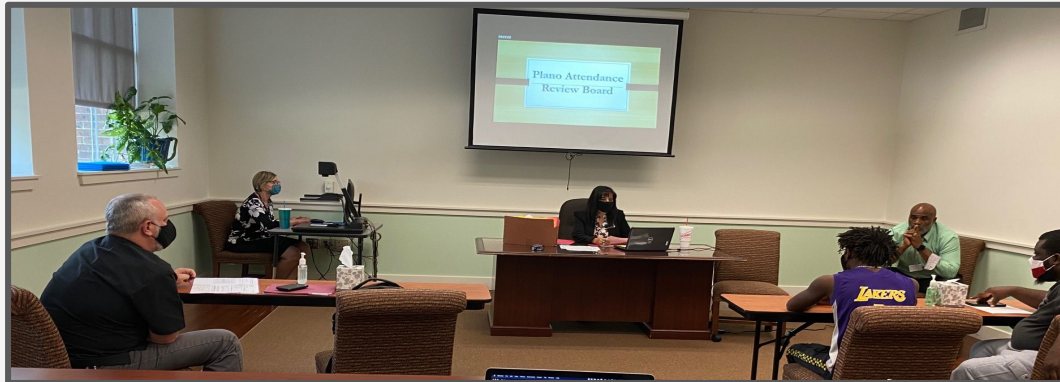
Therapeutic & Educational Services/ PARB Interventions

- ✓ Community Service
- ✓ Counseling
- ✓ Parenting Classes
- ✓ SEL Skill-building Classes
- ✓ Mentoring
- ✓ Tutoring
- ✓ Accelerated Credit Recovery
- ✓ Free/Low Cost Healthcare
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ McKinney Vento support/resources
- ✓ Family Literacy School
- ✓ Mental Wellness support/resources
- ✓ Substance Abuse support/resources



Plano ISD Success Stories

- A middle school student who had many tardies/absences last school year since her hearing has none. She is attending tutorials and meeting with her counselor each week. We spoke with Dad and he said her grades are improving.
- Family recently moved to Plano from Brazil. Mom speaks Portugese and was struggling to take adult education classes while supporting the growing academic needs of her two school-aged children and three younger children. Since hearing, her son is now receiving the ESL services needed to be successful. Her daughter is now connected to school and has joined the school choir. Mom has been enrolled in our PISD Family Literacy School where she now receives adult education and early childhood education for her children. Attendance has improved for both students.



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- Improvement
- Development
- Refinement
- Sustainability

.....To Serve and Support the Needs of Students and Families of the PISD Community.

