

Chronic Absenteeism Task Force – Tuesday, November 21 2023
4:30 – 6:00 pm

General Public to view: <https://www.youtube.com/@virginiadepartmentofeducat1340/streams>

A. Welcome & Debrief Meaningful Parent Engagement

- Led by Supt. Lisa Coons & Emily Anne Gullickson
- 4:30 – 4:40 pm

B. Youth Mental Health + Chronic Absenteeism

- Guest Speakers: Alexis Aplasca and Janet Kelly will provide an overview of youth mental health, the *Right Help Right Now* initiative and school-based mental health supports.
- 4:40 – 5:25 pm

C. The Role of Pediatricians & Family Practices

- Dr. John Farrell and Dr. Sandy Chang will share how pediatricians and family practices around the state are using resources like the Virginia Mental Health Access Program and Bridges2ResourcesVA
- 5:25-5:45 pm

D. Close Out

- Additional Best Practices
- Key Takeaways and Next Steps
- 5:45 – 6:00 pm