

Groups collaborate in launch of statewide school attendance network

The Cleveland Browns Foundation, Ohio Department of Education and Harvard University's Center for Education Policy Research Proving Ground recently announced the launch of the Get 2 School, Stay in the Game! Network (*Get 2 School Network*) – a statewide initiative designed to promote the importance of school attendance and put an end to chronic absenteeism.

“The equation is quite simple,” said Cleveland Browns owner Dee Haslam. “The more a student attends school, the more prepared they are for future success beyond the classroom.”



The network's goal is to increase student attendance, particularly among targeted groups of students including African American, Hispanic, English learners, economically disadvantaged and those with disabilities

The network is designed to connect its users to each other, state and national experts, and high-quality, attendance-focused campaign materials, strategies and evaluation tools. The network's core is its website – <https://get2school.org/> – which is available to all Ohio schools at no cost.

Select “action districts” will receive additional supports and resources, with successful improvement efforts to be shared broadly across the network, benefiting all participating schools and districts.

In celebration of the network's launch, about 500 students, families, community members and dignitaries from across the state gathered for an official kick-off pep rally at FirstEnergy Stadium prior to the 2019 Cleveland Browns Orange & Brown Scrimmage.