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Director Garcia:

Thank you for testifying at the Committee of the Whole and the Committee on Education's joint public oversight roundtable on the following matter: Improving School Attendance: Truancy, Chronic Absenteeism, and the Implementation of Reform Initiatives. As you know Show Up, Stand Out is a free community-based truancy reduction program in the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants that works with families to identify barriers to school attendance. Please provide a response to my follow-up questions about the program.

1. What is your communication process with schools?
2. How does Show Up, Stand Out monitor engagement between community-based organizations ("CBOs") and families that have been referred?
  - a. What interventions does Show Up, Stand Out implement when they notice lack of engagement between CBOs and families?
3. What are the barriers CBOs encounter when trying to engage families that the schools have referred? If applicable, how is Show Up, Stand Out working to remove those barriers?
4. Does Show Up, Stand Out terminate relationships with CBOs that are ineffective?
  - a. If not, what incentive do CBOs have to increase numbers?



Please submit your response to me no later than close of business on **February 22, 2019**. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jessica Giles, my Deputy Committee Director, at [jgiles@dccouncil.us](mailto:jgiles@dccouncil.us).

Sincerely,



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