



Every Day Counts! Taskforce Meeting

April 3, 2018

MAYOR BOWSER PRESENTS



Meeting Overview

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- I. Welcome
- II. Monitor (30 min)
 - EDC! Updates
 - Spotlight: SUSO High School Grants & Attendance Barriers
 - Spotlight: School Safety & Safe Passage Working Group
- III. Measure (10 min)
 - Q2 Data Committee Report
- **IV. Act** (45 min)
 - EDC! Attendance Summit 10 min
 - Strategic Plan Update 35 min
- V. Next Steps (5 min)

Framing: Strategic Plan Update



(Citywide Self-A	ssessment
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Monitor: EDC! Updates



Every Day Counts! Campaign Updates

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By the numbers:

• Over 4,482 attendance pledges signed, including 2,231 students pledges





Every Day Counts! Campaign Updates



• Media

- <u>Twitter</u>: 726,074 impressions YTD (with 57,832 end of March)
- <u>Facebook:</u> over 2.2 million impressions YTD
- <u>Posters for specific audiences</u> (health, incentives, business, Spanish translation, etc.)

• Incentives

- All DC middle and high schools received 10 Atlantic 10 Finals Tickets
- All elementary EDC! Focus Schools received grocery gift cards
- Upcoming: Bikes, Sneakers, Laptops, Rec Day, Pool Party, Ice Cream Party, Prom DJ (tentative)



Sign the Every Day Counts! pledge today at attendance.dc.gov/CountMeIn



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Every Day Counts! Community of Practice

Participants

- ✓ 30 individuals
- ✓ 16 schools
- ✓ All grade levels

Focus

 Problem solving and sharing of Tier I and Tier II promising practices

Frequency

 Monthly – Garfield ES + EL Haynes Presenting

Incentives

 Small grant opportunities for implementing and measuring impact of new strategies





Every Day Counts! Enhancement (DME) - \$650,000

• The Mayor's Proposed FY19 Budget includes support for taking action on the learning of the Every Day Counts! Task Force by supporting schools with the capacity, resources and partners they need to be successful in addressing student absenteeism in schools.

Victim Services - Trauma-specific Services Enhancement (OVSJG) - \$439,750

• The Mayor's Proposed FY19 Budget also includes increased support for programs that touch on, including an enhancement of \$439,750 in the Victim Services program to support the community-based organizations providing trauma-specific services for victims of crime, incarcerated and returning citizens, and truant youth.

STEP Enhancement (DHS) - \$1,300,000

• The Mayor's Proposed FY19 Budget continues previous support for the ACE and PASS programs that offer diversion and case management to connect the most under resourced families with needed services and includes an enhancement of \$1.3 million for DHS's Strengthening Teens Enriching Parents (STEP) team, which offers comprehensive services to prevent and address runaway behaviors for at-risk youth.





Monitor: Spotlight – SUSO Grant for High Schools (OVSJG)



Truancy Reduction Program Update

Every Day Counts! Task Force

April 3, 2018

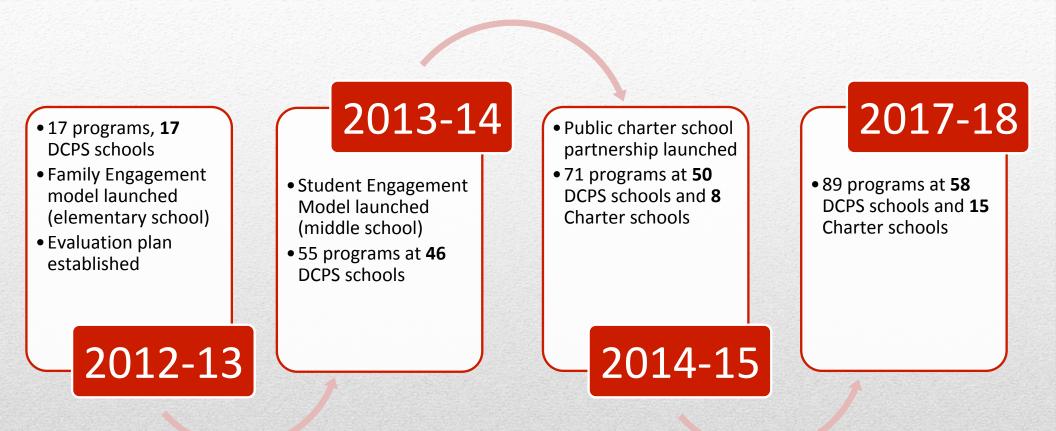
ÔVŜJĜ Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants



The mission of the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) is to develop, fund, and coordinate programs that improve public safety; enhance the administration of justice; and create systems of care for crime victims, youth, and their families in the District.

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Show Up, Stand Out



Year 1 Community Based Truancy Reduction (CBTR) Demonstration Project

Year 2 Preliminary Attendance Data for District of Columbia Show Up, Stand Out (SUSO) Truancy Prevention and Youth and Families RE-Referred in Year 3 & Demographic Data-Young Men of Color

Year 2 2013-2014 Final Report SUSO Truancy Prevention Family Engagement and Youth Participation Programs

Year 3 Preliminary Outcomes for Quarter 1 thru Quarter 3 SUSO Truancy Prevention Family Engagement Program and Update on Youth and Families Re-Referred in Year 3

Year 3 2014-2015 Final Report SUSO Truancy Prevention Family Engagement and Youth Participation Programs

SUSO Youth and Families Re-Referred in Year 4

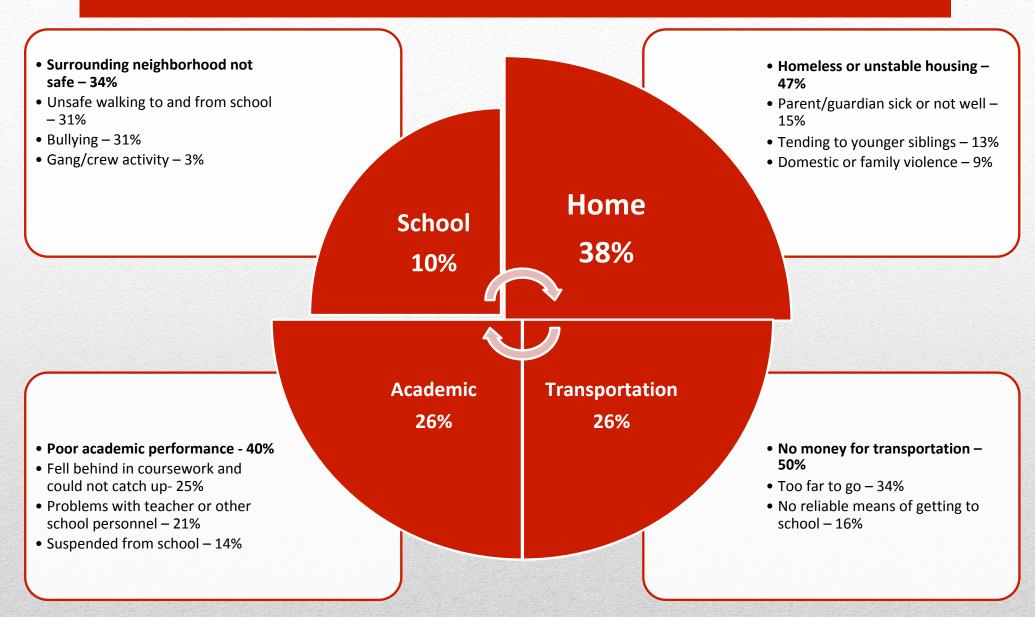
Year 1-4 Summary Report SUSO Truancy Prevention Family Engagement and Youth Participation Programs

Year 1-5 Re-Referral Snapshot Report SUSO Truancy Prevention Family Engagement and Youth Participation Programs

GW Capstone Project – Costs & Benefits of SUSO Program

Evaluation





Barriers Identified



\$500,000 available for grants

Spring 2017 Request for Applications (RFA) 11 applications received totaling \$2,084,838

Three applications selected Access Youth, Inc.

Hillcrest Children and Family Center

Latin American Youth Center (LAYC)

High School Truancy Reduction Program (HS TRP) Pilot – SY17-18



Data Committee Chronic Truancy Top 10 (08/29/17)	DCPS/PCSB Recommendations	Schools Selected
H.D. Woodson HS	Luke C. Moore HS	Anacostia High School
Ballou HS	Columbia Heights EC	Ballou HS
Phelps ACE HS	Roosevelt HS	Eastern HS
Ron Brown College Prep HS	Ron Brown HS	Roosevelt HS
Anacostia HS	Woodson HS	Phelps ACE HS
Roosevelt HS	KIPP DC-College Prep PCS	Maya Angelou Public Charter HS
Eastern HS	Washington Mathematics Science Tech PCHS	
KIPP DC College Prep	Maya Angelou PCS HS	
Friendship PCS Collegiate Academy	E.L Haynes PCS HS	
E.L. Haynes PCS HS	Cesar Chavez PCS for Publ Pol	





- Anacostia HS
- Ballou HS
- Eastern HS

Referrals Process

 Attendance staff refer students that have reached 5 unexcused absences

Program Model

- Use truancy mediation to conduct Student Support Team (SST) conferences.
- Provide student case management, systems navigation, fast tracked referrals and family engagement.
- Life Skills curriculum based on scientifically validated model for understanding emotional intelligence used to build necessary social-emotional skills.

Access Youth Inc.



Schools

- Phelps ACE HS
- Maya Angelou PC HS

Referrals Process

 Attendance staff and/ or SST Team refer students that have reached 5 unexcused absences

Program Model

- Two evidence based models:
 - <u>Thinking for a Change</u>-integrated cognitive behavior change program that focuses on cognitive self-change, social skills, and problem solving.
 - <u>Positive Action</u>-focuses on the connection between positive thinking and positive actions designed to engage students in 6 comprehensive units.
- Provide case management, home visits, parent engagement activities, and student incentives for good attendance.

Hillcrest Children and Family Center



Schools

• Roosevelt HS

Referrals Process

 Attendance staff refer students that have reached 3 unexcused absences and have other risk factors identified by the school

Program Model

- Use Promotor Pathway which is an evidence based, client management model which provides long term one-on-one mentoring and intensive case management.
- Students are screened through LAYC's *Risk Screening Tool* and are connected to services through a *Needs Assessment*.

Latin American Youth Center (LAYC)



- Knowledge, Attitude, and Behavior (KAB) assessment
 - Conducted at entry into programming (T1) and upon exit of programming (T2)
- Developing evaluation plan with third-party evaluator

- 1. Select the highest level of education you expect to complete:
 - Master's, Doctorate, or other advanced degree
- Bachelor's degree (four-year college degree)
- Associate's degree (community college), technical school, or vacation/trade certification
- High school diploma
- 🗆 GED
- Will not finish high school
- 2. Please indicate how much you agree with the following statements:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Missing more than five days of school a year has little effect on my academic success.	0	0	0	0	0
There is someone in my life who notices and cares when I'm not at school.	0	0	0	0	0
I have someone I can talk to if I'm having problems at school.	0	0	0	0	0
My school helps me problem solve when I have barriers related to school.	0	0	0	0	0

3. Please indicate how often you experience the following:

	None of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All the time
I feel safe in this school.	0	0	0	0
My opinions are respected in this school.	0	0	0	0
l am comfortable being myself at this school.	0	0	0	0
Teachers engage me in the classroom.	0	0	0	0
l am an important part of my high school community.	0	0	0	0
I feel I can be successful in this school.	0	0	0	0

4. Please indicate how often you do the following:

	None of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All the time
l get to school on time.	0	0	0	0
l attend all my classes.	0	0	0	0
l get to all my classes on time.	0	0	0	0
l access school engagement services such as tutoring and extra-curricular activities.	0	0	0	0

Measuring Outcomes











Monitor: Spotlight – School Safety & Safe Passage Working Group (DME)



Working Group Goal

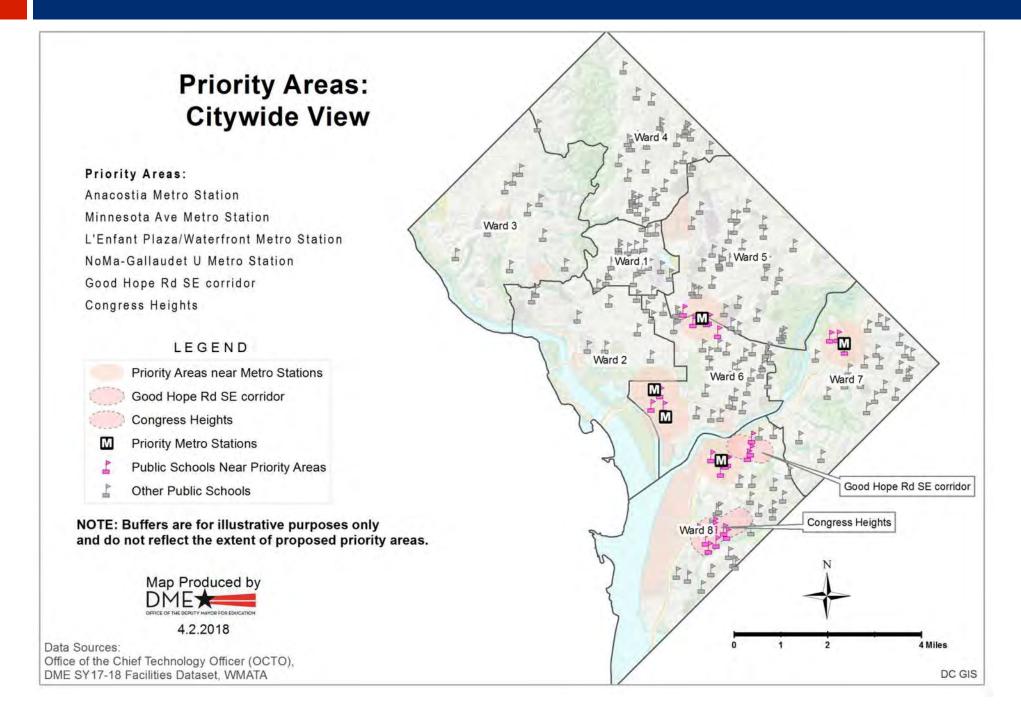
This Working Group is tasked with addressing District student and school safety concerns, especially as students arrive and depart from school. The Working Group will be co-facilitated by DME's Chalon Jones and ONSE's John Mein and will enhance policies that affect charter LEAs and DCPS, in partnership with the DC Metropolitan Police Department, the Metropolitan Transit Police Department, and the community (including LEA- and community-based safe passage initiatives). Membership to this group will include agencies under the oversight of DME and DMPSJ, and others as needed.

Actions Taken During School Year 2017–18

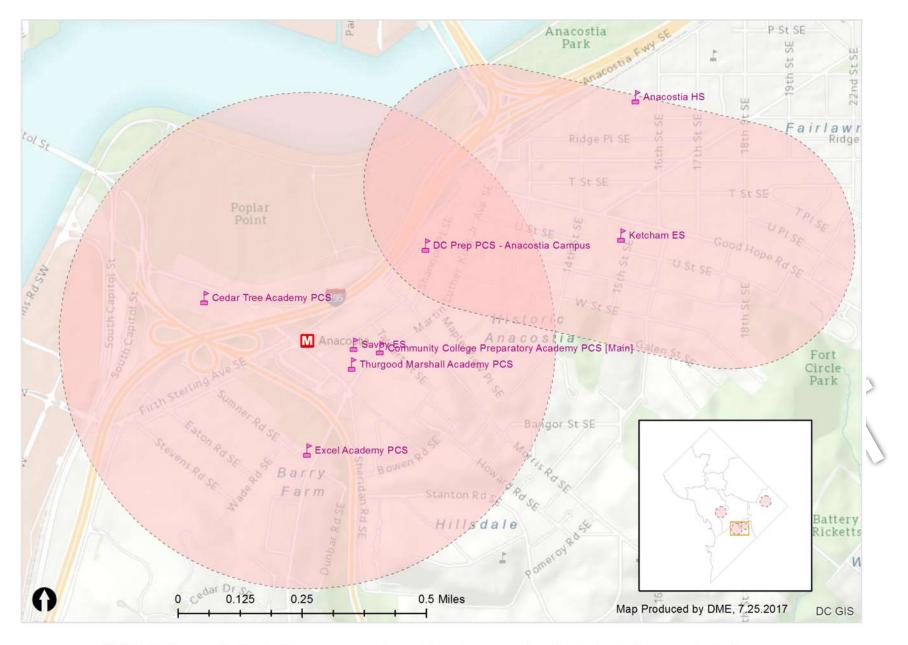
- Hosted District-wide Safe Passage Event on August 21st and August 25th with the support of various government agencies to increase the presence of adults as students traveled to school using public transportation
- Identified initial safe passage priority areas based on historical data and anecdotal recollections of areas with a high number of student involved incidents
- Coordinated calls between schools in safe passage priority areas, MPD, MTPD, and DDOT to collaboratively solve student safety issues
- Launched a needs-based assessment for school leaders, students, and families to describe the safety concerns they have in each safe passage area
- Developed an interactive Safe Passage Map, available at <u>https://dme.dc.gov/safe-passage-school</u> that can be used to determine the safest route to school based on the availability of crossing guards and public transportation.

SY 17 – 18 Safe Passage Initial Priority Areas





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Monitor: Taskforce Participant Updates

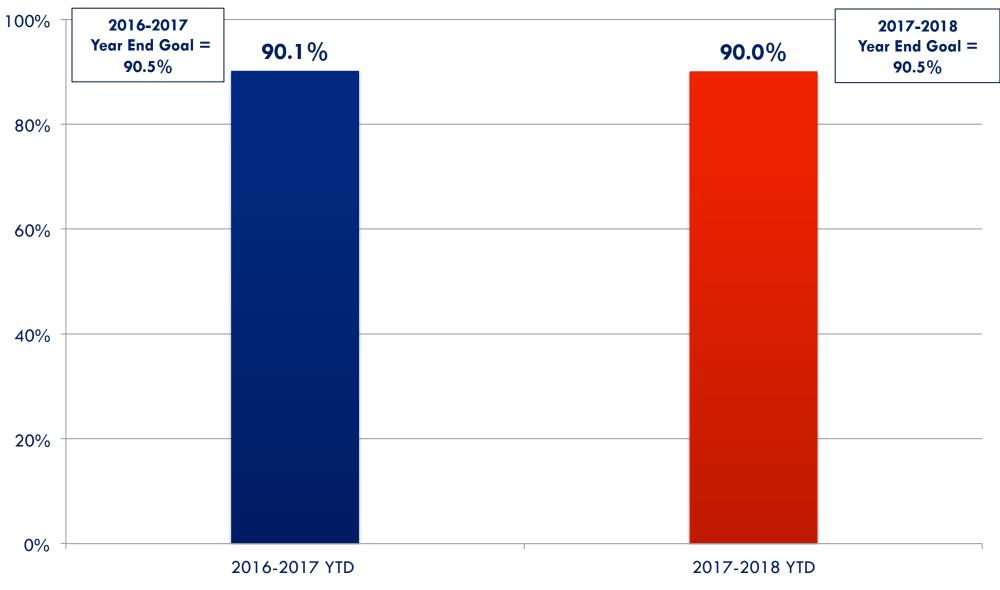




Measure: Q2 Data Committee Report Select Analyses

In-Seat Attendance (ISA) – DCPS

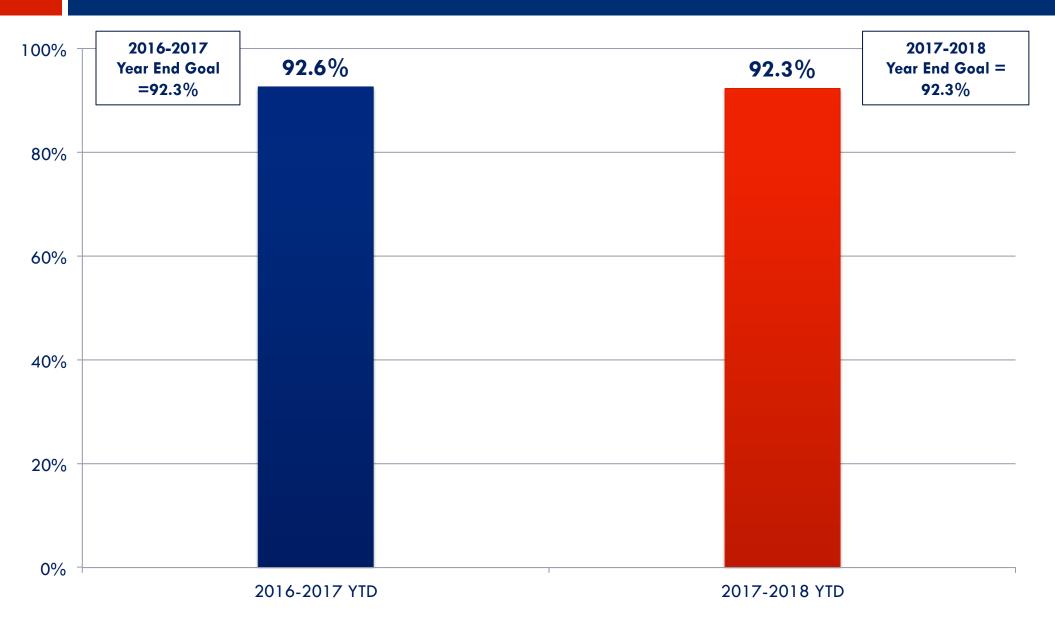




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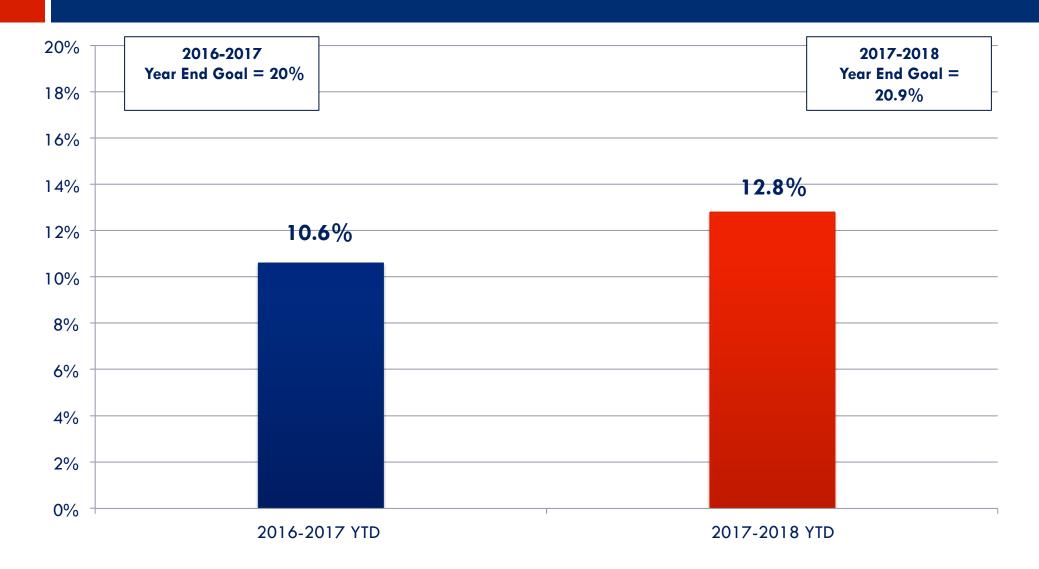
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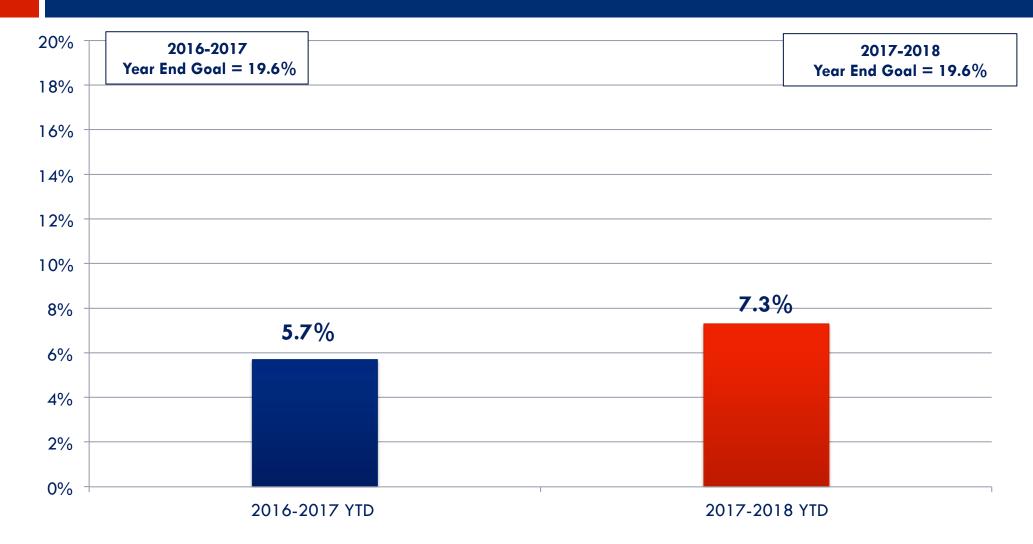
Chronic Truancy – DCPS



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Chronic Truancy – PCS

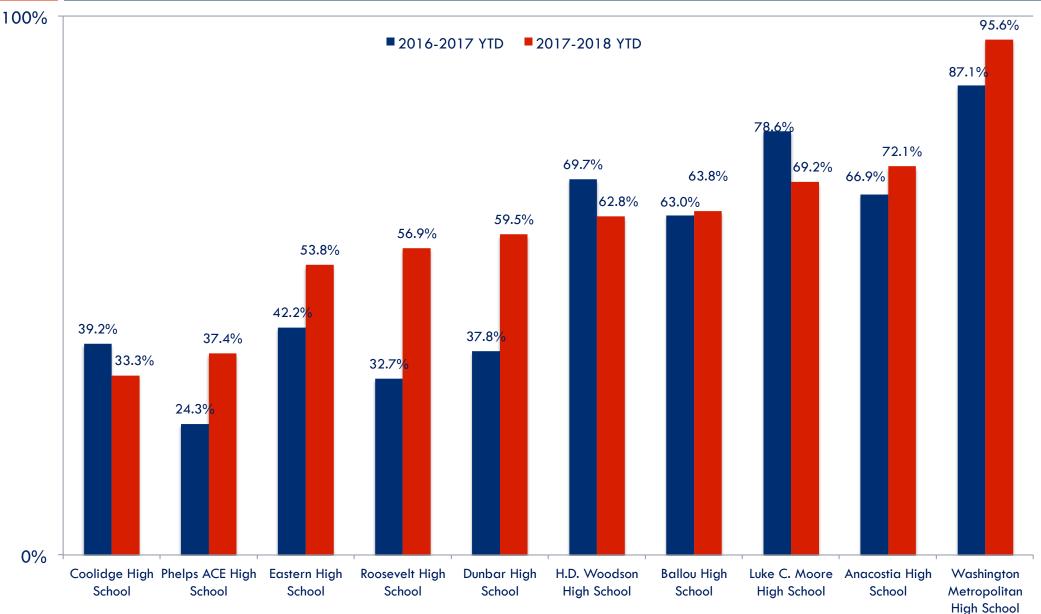


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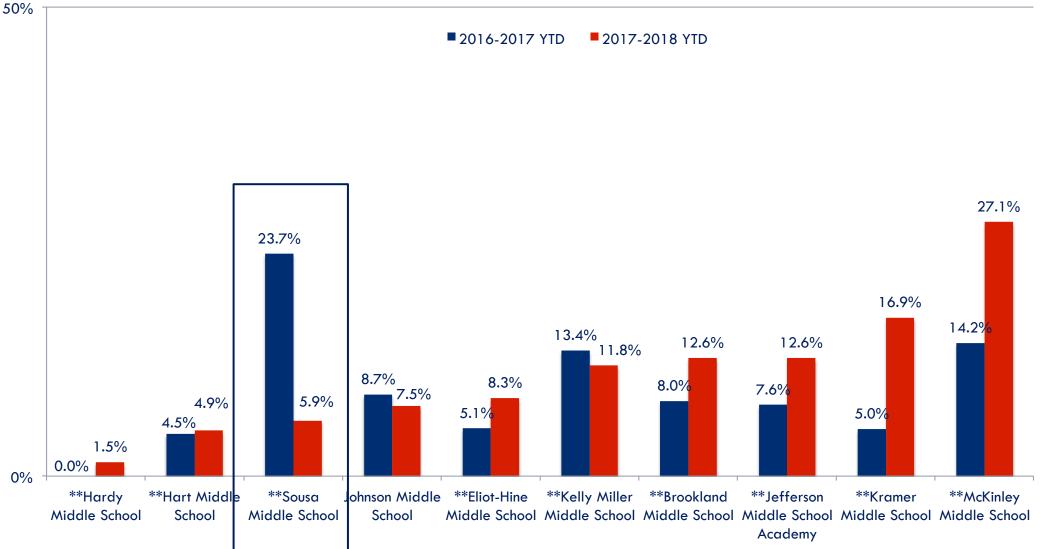


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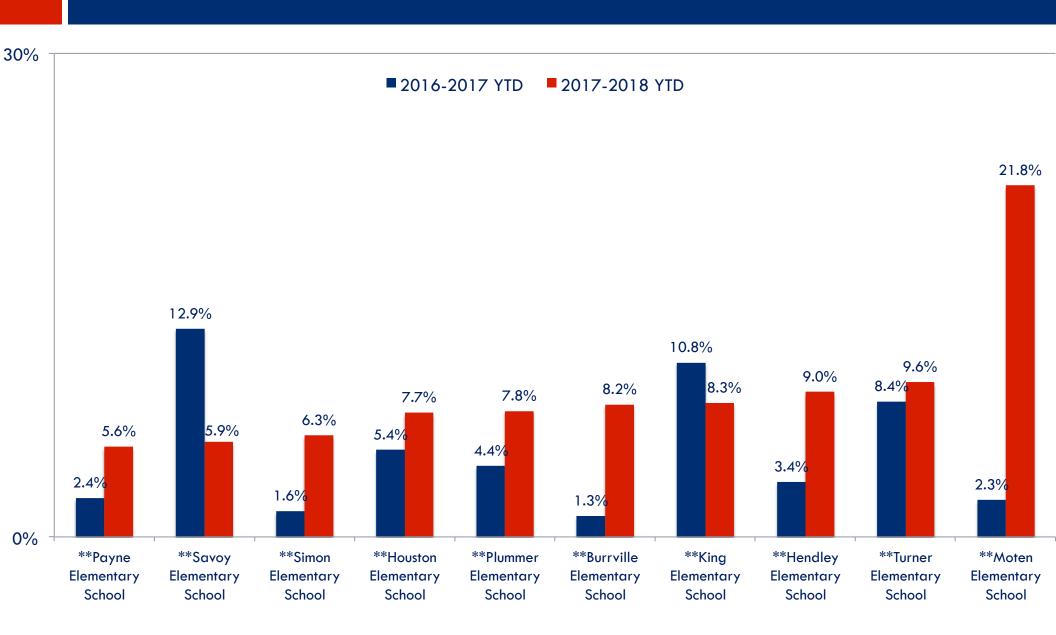








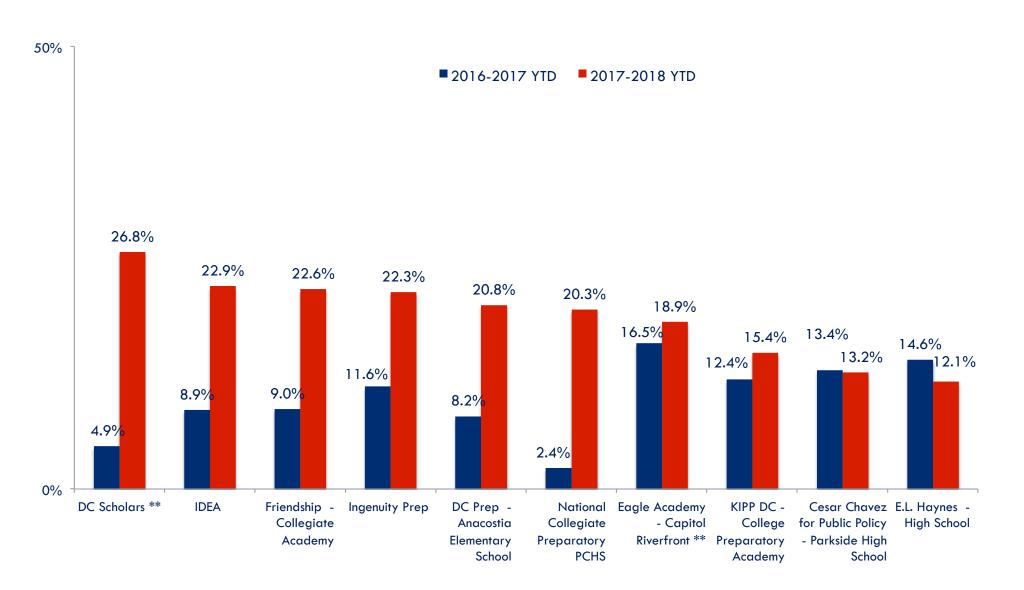
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Chronic Truancy by School – Top 10 PCSs with Highest Rates





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Act: EDC! Educator and Community Ambassador Summit

Act: Every Day Counts! Citywide Attendance Summit



ATTENDANCE SUMMIT

Register at attendance.dc.gov/summit Parent associations, educators, local business owners, students, and community organizations are welcome!

Goals:

1. Strengthen stakeholders' knowledge about chronic absenteeism its causes, solutions and connection to equity.

2. Form a cadre of educators and community members with the tools they need to be Every Day Counts! ambassadors and organizers in their communities.

Act: Every Day Counts! Citywide Attendance Summit

What: 200 educators, parents, and community leaders learning and planning in teams to address absenteeism in their community.

When & Where:

Saturday, April 21st 9:30am – 3:00pm Ron Brown High School

Agenda:

- I. Pep Rally & Breakfast
- II. Key Note & Panel
- III. Lunch with City Leaders
- IV. Breakouts
- V. Structured Team Planning Time



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Follow-up: Participants will receive support to create and implement community attendance plans through regular meetings and calls with teams.

How can you take action?

Invite 1-5 people now: attendance.dc.gov/summit





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Every Day Counts! Strategic Plan Update - April 2018-June 2019 (Draft - 4/3/18)									
Framework Element	Focus Area	Project Name	Lead	April - Early June (End of School Year)	Late June - Early August (Summer)	Late August - September (Back to School)	October - December (Fail)	January - March (Spring)	April - June (End of School Year)
L Actionable Data	A. Data Sharing with Attendance Partners	EDC: Data Committee Data Sharing	2	•EDCL Agendes provide available data . Where a project is TBD, what ideas/resources could inform selection?					election?
	B. Chronic Absenteeism Included in Reporting	EDC! Quarterly Reporting on Chronic Absence	OSSE	•EDCI Data Committee 4		and prepare for Q1	provided for the first time.	Complete	Complete
II. Culture & Capacity Building	A. Trauma Informed Practices	TBO	OVSJG/ CFSA	•Review current landscape of trauma trainings to identify resources and gaps	TED	TRD	TBD	ТВО	TBD
	8. Supportive Policies & Practices	TBD	DME	Identify apportunities for engagement Oraft engagement strategy Convene policy committee	Host engagement sessions Provide summary report to EDCI Task Force at July/August meeting	*Engage relevant policy change vehicles as needed	TBD	ТВО	TBD
III. Positive Engagement	A. Citywide Message	EDC! Citywide Campaign (cont'd)	DME	Provide end of year rewardsand recognition in focus schools and citywide •End of year reessaging push	•Select messages •Plan with contractor	•Back to school messaging push	Perinforce attendance messaging campaign with timely holiday messaging	Reinforce attendance messaging campaign with timely cold weather messaging	Beinforce attendance messaging campaign with timely end of school year messaging
	8. Engage Community Stakeholders	EDC! Attendance Summit	DME	Host Every Day Counts' Summit	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
IV. Leadership	A. Community Leadership	EDC! Attendance Summit Follow-up	DME	NA	Follow-up attendance action plan development and technical assistance for community-based teams	•Begin Implementation of EDCI Community Attendence Action Plans	 Schools host in person facilitated workshop building on module one of Teaching Attendence 		
	8. School Leadership	EDC! Community of Practice	DME	Leanch community of practice and hold monthly meetings	Community of Practice Meeting (2) Mini-grants Awarded	•Community of Practice Participants Implement New Strategies	•Community of Practice Participants Implement New Strategies	Update to EDCI Task Force on Progress	
V. Shared Accountability	A. Program Evaluation	TBD	Lab at DC	•Select focus evaluation(s) •Identify Metrics for EDCI Campaign					
VI. Partnerships & Investments	A. Transportation Pilot	EDCI Pilot Project: Targeted Alternative Travel for Long Commutes or Homeless Students	DME/DDOT	Present to EDCI Tesk Force	•EDC Plint Project Planning				
	B. Housing and/or Homelessness Pilot	EDCI Pilot Project 180	DCRD	Select Pliot Project SDCI Task Force	•EDC Pilot Project Planning				
	C. Employment Pilot	EDCI Pilot Project: Expand Employment Program + Partner with DPR	DOES	Present to EDCI Te	effenning				
	D. Safety Passage Pilot	EDCI Pilot Project: Safe Passage Volunteer Effort	DME/ONSE		What are y	our next ster	os? What do	you need?	
	E. School Capacity/Family Engagement	EDCI Pilot Project: Relationship Suilding w/ Families	DME	••• Others: V	Vhat resourc	es or guidan	ice do you ho	· ·	
	H. Recognition/ Rewards	EDCI Pilot Project: Adopt-a- School	DME/OAG	the proje	ct leads? WI	nere do you	fit in?		





Next Steps

Upcoming Committee Meetings/Topics



Taskforce

Next Meeting: Late June

Committees

- Steering Committee:
 - FY19 Budget
- Data Committee:
 - Data Sharing Next Steps
 - Email <u>sandra.villalobos@dc.gov</u> to join
- Policy Committee:
 - Reconvene early May
- Program Committee:
 - None Advertise EDC! Summit in April



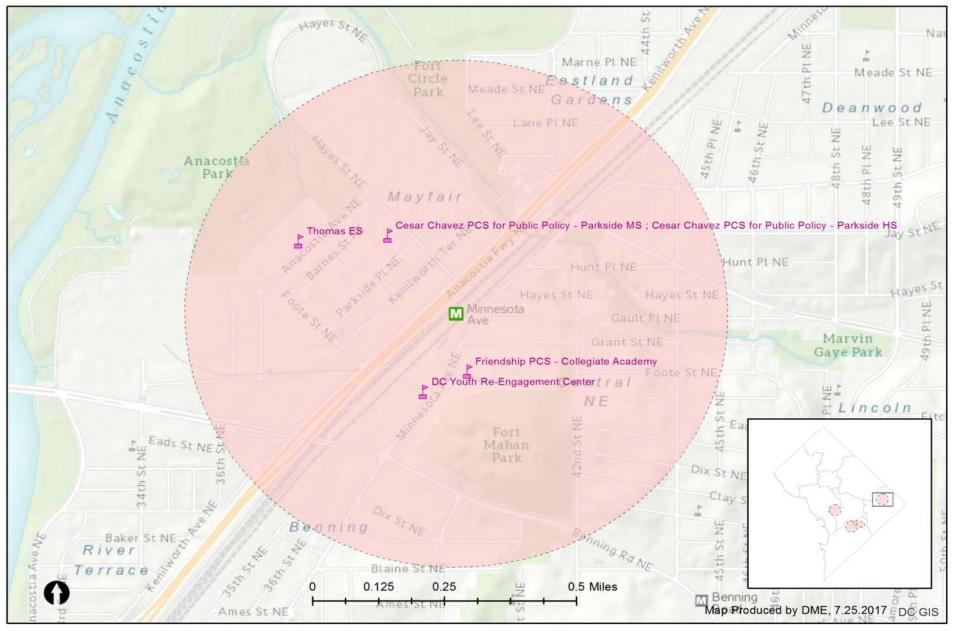


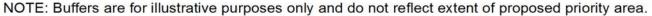
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Act: City Chronic Absenteeism Self-Assessment Tool

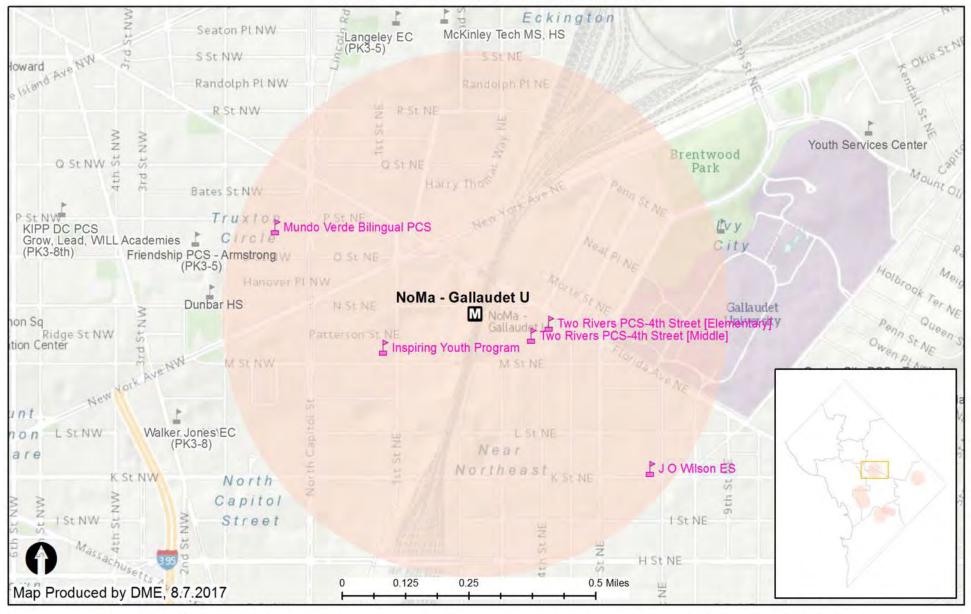
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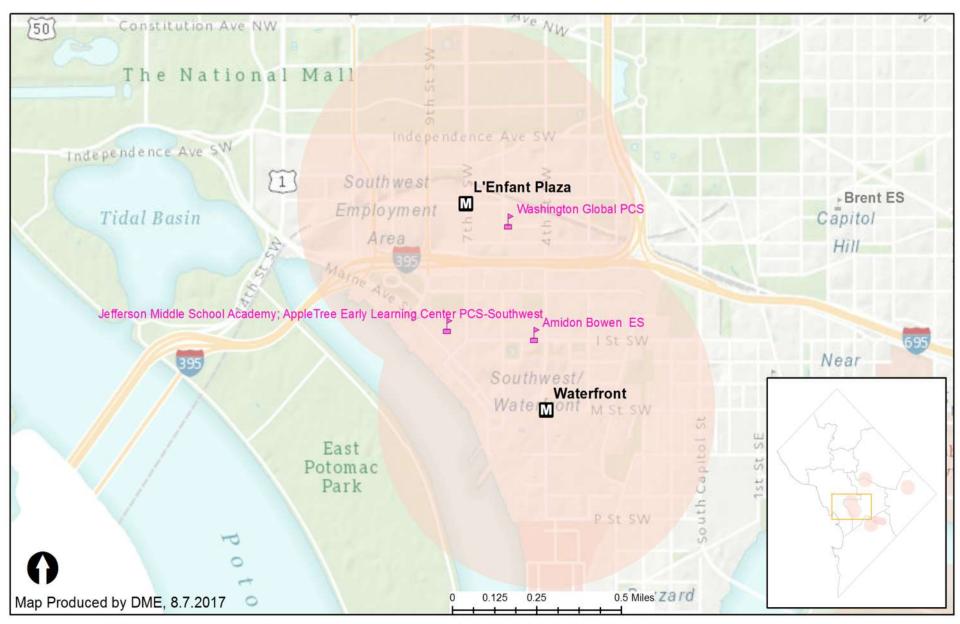


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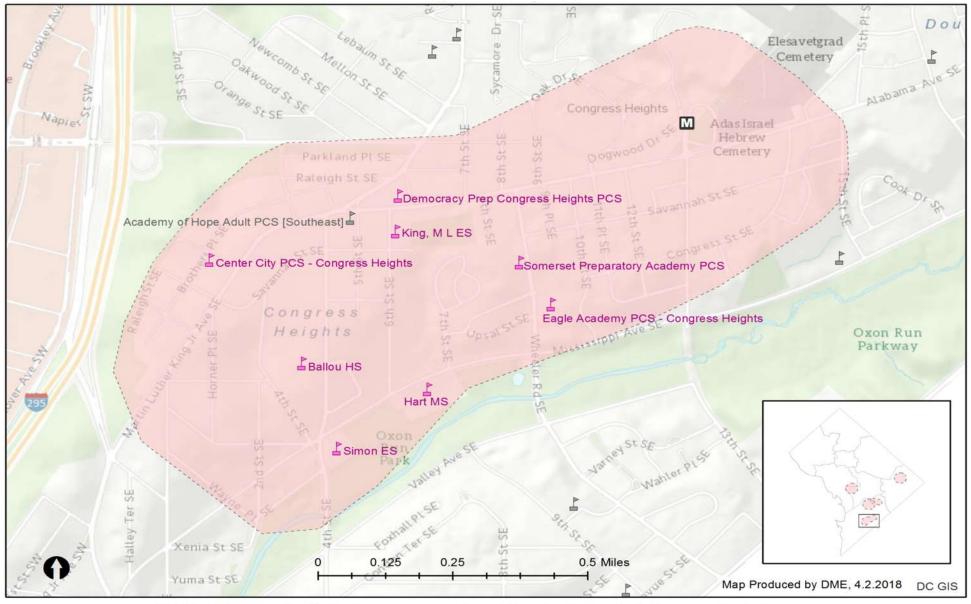
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L'ENFANT PLAZA/WATERFRONT



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CONGRESS HEIGHTS AREA



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CFSA Referral Universe

	DCP	S ¹	PCSB		
	2017-2018 (YTD)	2016-2017 (YTD)	2017-2018 (YTD)	2016-2017 (YTD)	
# of students required to be referred to CFSA	1,063	693	Data not known	Data not known	
# of students referred by schools	713 ²	384	NA ³	NA ³	
# of children referred received by CFSA ⁴	573	698	288	322	

¹ Numbers provided by DCPS include students ages 5-13 as of 12/01/2018 with 10 or more full day unexcused absences. Students eligible for a referral are based on the number of registered students as of 02/21/2018.

² DCPS sent an additional referrals at discretion of the schools (there referrals no longer met the requirement of the full day unexcused absence)

³ PCS campuses are not required by statute to report on number of referrals

⁴ Numbers provided by CFSA

CSSD Referral Universe¹

	DCI	DS 2	PCSB		
	2017-2018 (YTD)	2016-2017 (YTD)	2017-2018 (YTD)	2016-2017 (YTD)	
# of students required to be referred to CSSD	874	432	Data not Known	Data not Known	
<pre># of referrals made by schools</pre>	219 ²	97	NA ³	NA ³	
# of referrals received by CSSD ⁴	171	303	63	72	

¹ For purposes of referral schools must apply the full day absence definition.

² DCPS sent an additional 28 referrals at discretion of the schools (these referrals no longer met the requirement of the full day unexcused absence).

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⁴ Data provided by CSSD as of 01/31/2018.