

# Truancy Taskforce Meeting

March 21, 2017





## **I. Welcome (5 min)**

## **II. Measure (60 min)**

- Q2 Truancy Taskforce Data Committee Report Highlights
- Ed Stat: Impact of Calendar & Season on Attendance
  - MPD Truancy Violation Pick-ups by Month, Location, Race, Age & Gender
  - Attendance Data by Day, Month, Temp, & Weather

## **III. Monitor (15 min)**

- Committee Updates (Steering, Policy, Program & Data)

## **IV. Act (10 min)**

- Ed Stat 'We All Take Action' Protocol

## **V. Next Steps (5 min)**

# **Act:**

## **‘We All Take Action’ Protocol**



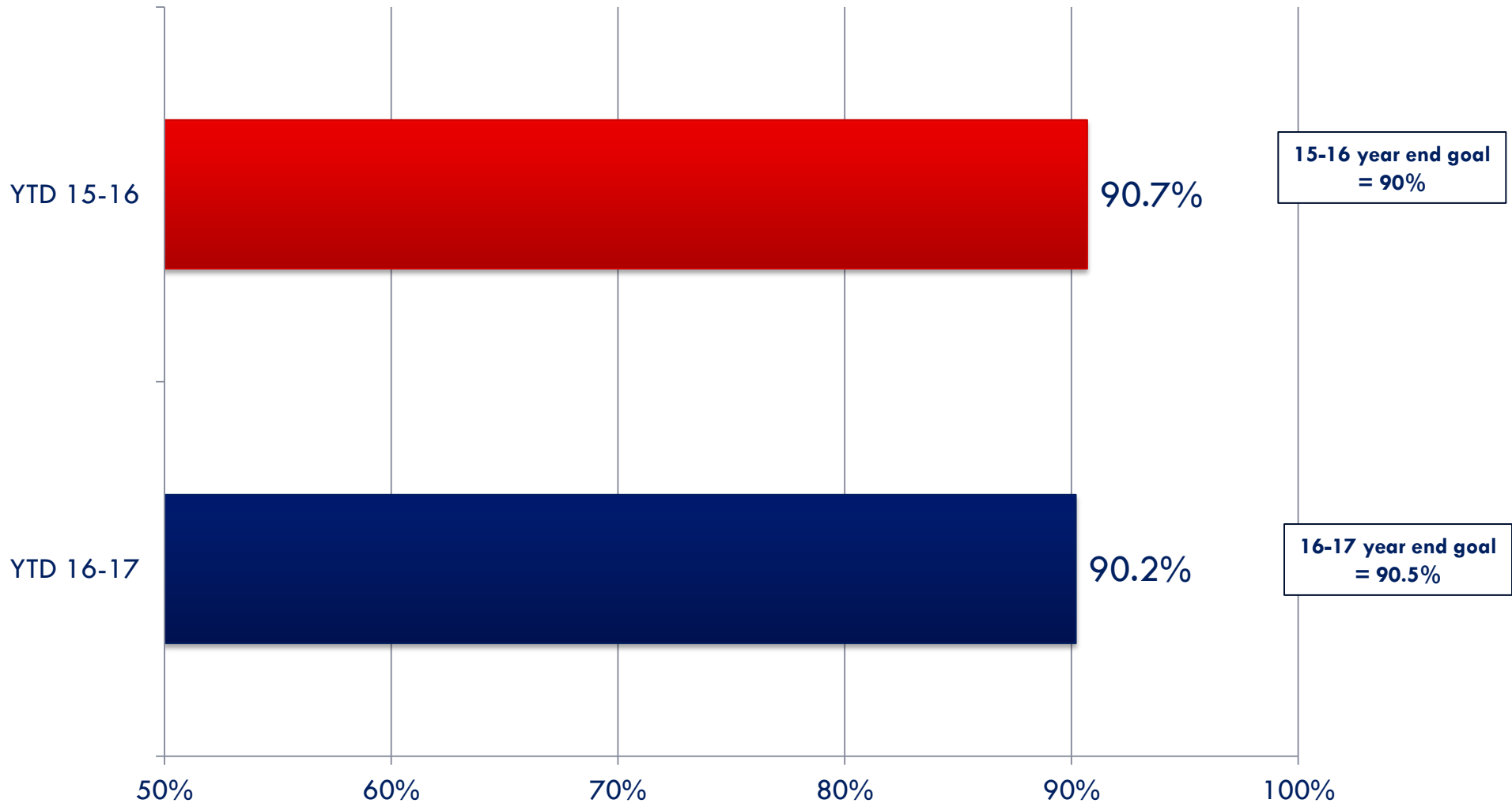
- I. What does the data tell us about the challenge?
- II. Based on the data, what is one action that **your agency/office** can implement?
- III. Based on the data, what is one solution that you would suggest to **another agency/office**?
- IV. Based on the data, what is one solution that you could implement **in partnership with another agency/office**?

**Measure:**

**Q2 Truancy Taskforce Data  
Committee Report Highlights**

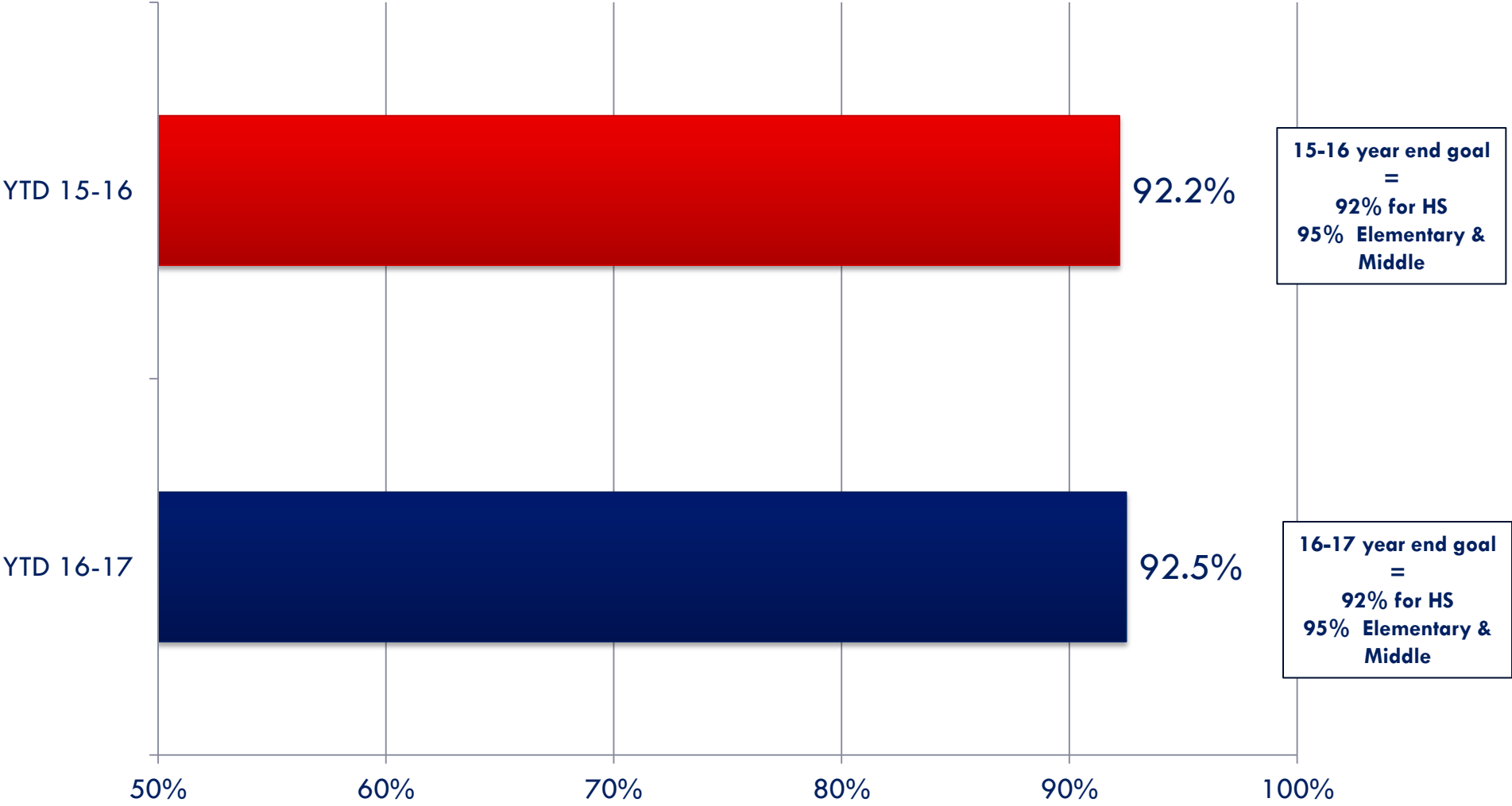


In-Seat Attendance - DCPS



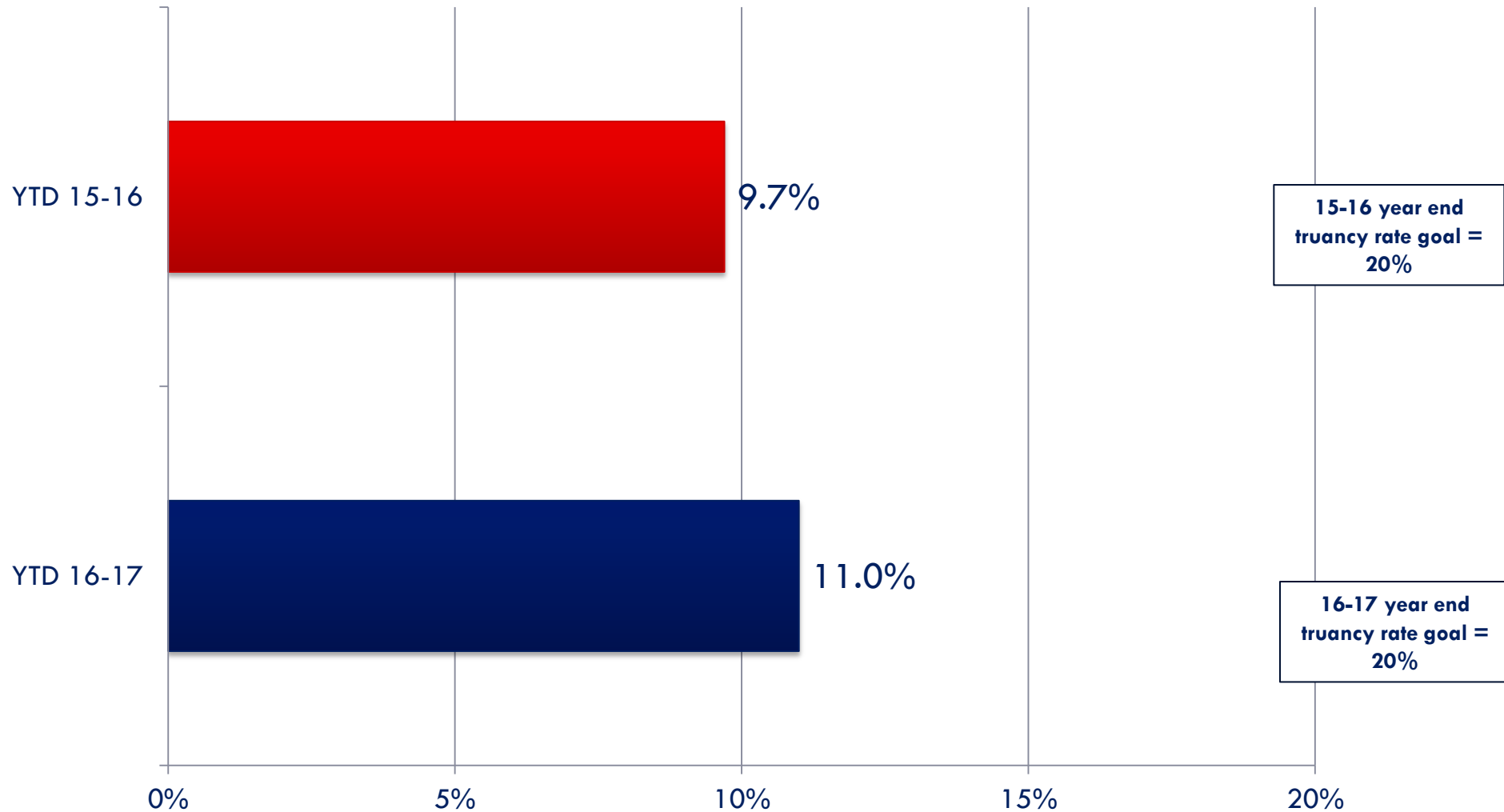


## In-Seat Attendance - PCS





## Chronic Truancy - DCPS

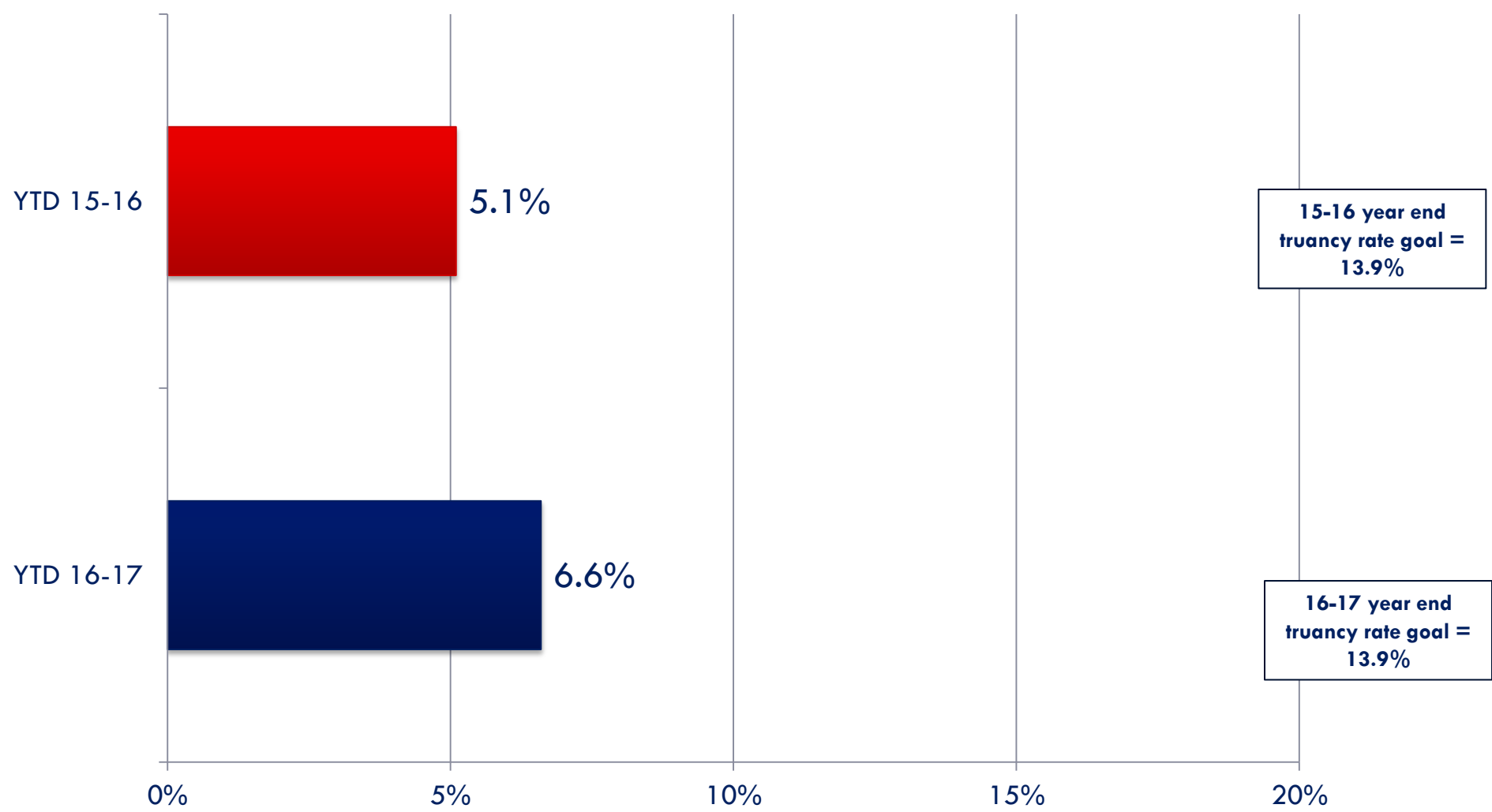


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## Chronic Truancy - PCS



- The YTD SY2016-17 number of chronically truant students for PCS is 541 more students than the YTD SY2015-16 numbers.

# Measure: Q2 Data Committee Report Highlights



## CFSA Referral Universe

	DCPS <sup>2</sup>		PCSB <sup>3</sup>	
	YTD 15-16	YTD 16-17	YTD 15-16	YTD 16-17
# of students eligible to be referred to CFSA	577	693	Data not known	Data not known
# of referrals made by schools	432	384	NA <sup>4</sup>	NA <sup>4</sup>
# of referrals received by CFSA <sup>5</sup>	567	698	206	322

<sup>2</sup> Numbers provided by DCPS and based on students aged 5-13 as of 01/25/2017 with 10 or more full day absences. Students eligible for a referral are based on the number of registered students as of 1/22/2017.

<sup>3</sup> Numbers provided by PCS and based on students aged 5-13 as of 01/24/2017 with 10 or more full day absences based on the 80/20 rule. Students eligible for a referral are based on student counted in the audited enrollment as of 10/05/2016.

<sup>4</sup> PCS campuses are not required by statute to report on number of referrals.

<sup>5</sup> Numbers provided by CFSA.

# Measure: Q2 Data Committee Report Highlights



## CSSD Referral Universe<sup>1</sup>

	DCPS <sup>2</sup>		PCSB <sup>3</sup>	
	YTD 15-16	YTD 16-17	YTD 15-16	YTD 16-17
# of students eligible to be referred to CSSD	1,955	432	Data not known	Data not known
# of referrals made by schools	411	97	NA <sup>4</sup>	NA <sup>4</sup>
# of referrals received by CSSD <sup>5, 6</sup>	302	Pending <sup>7</sup>	50	72

<sup>1</sup> For purposes of referral schools must apply the full day absence definition.

<sup>2</sup> Data provided by DCPS and based on students with 15 or more unexcused absences as of 01/25/2017. Students eligible for a referral are based on the number of registered students as of 10/30/2016 .

<sup>3</sup> Numbers provided by PCSB and based on students aged 5-13 as of 01/24/2017 with 15 or more absences based on the 80/20 rule. Students eligible for a referral are based on student counted in the audited enrollment as of 07/01/2016.

<sup>4</sup> PCS are not required by statute to report their number of referrals to PCSB. PCS sends referrals directly to CSSD.

<sup>5</sup> Data provided by CSSD as of 09/30/2016.

<sup>6</sup> CSSD received an additional 70 referrals in July 2016 (65 from DCPS and 5 from PCS). School data unavailable for July 2016.

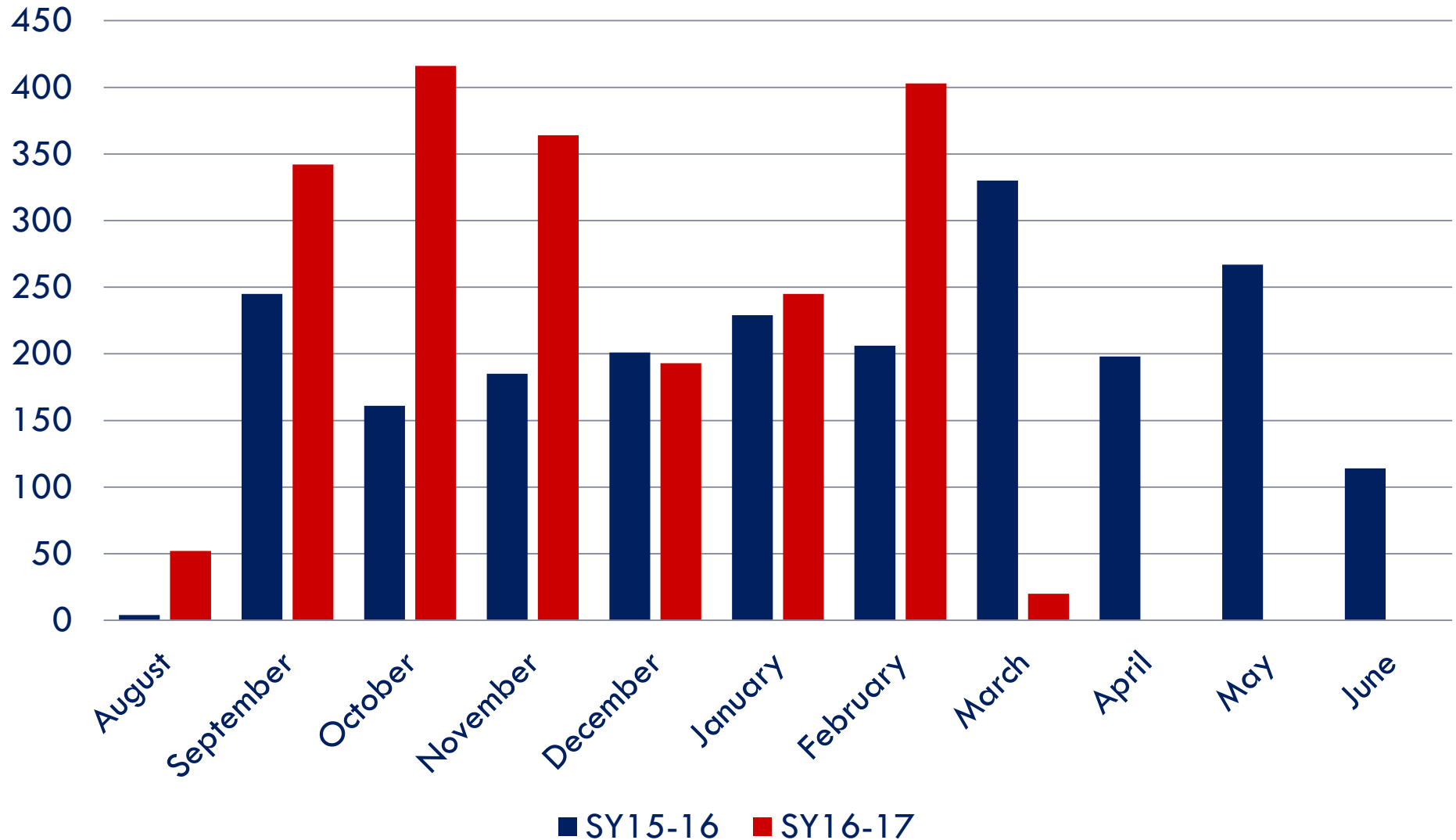
<sup>7</sup> Data is currently being reconciled and verified individually by school.

# **Measure:**

## **Patterns by Time of Year**



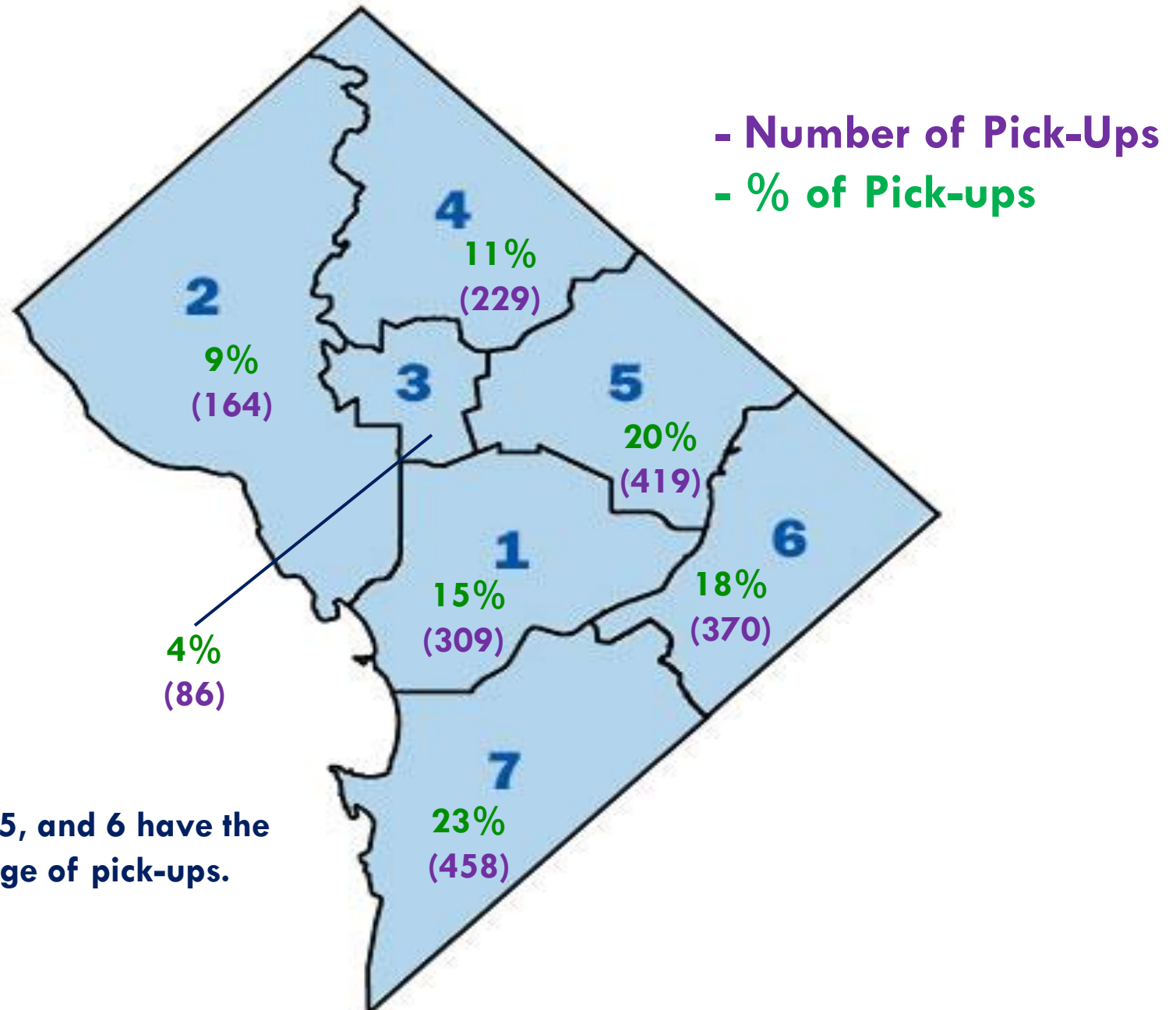
# Measure: # of MPD Truancy Pick-Ups by Month



- **An average of 176 pick-ups were made between August and February in SY 2015-16 compared with an average of 288 pick-ups in SY 2016-17.**

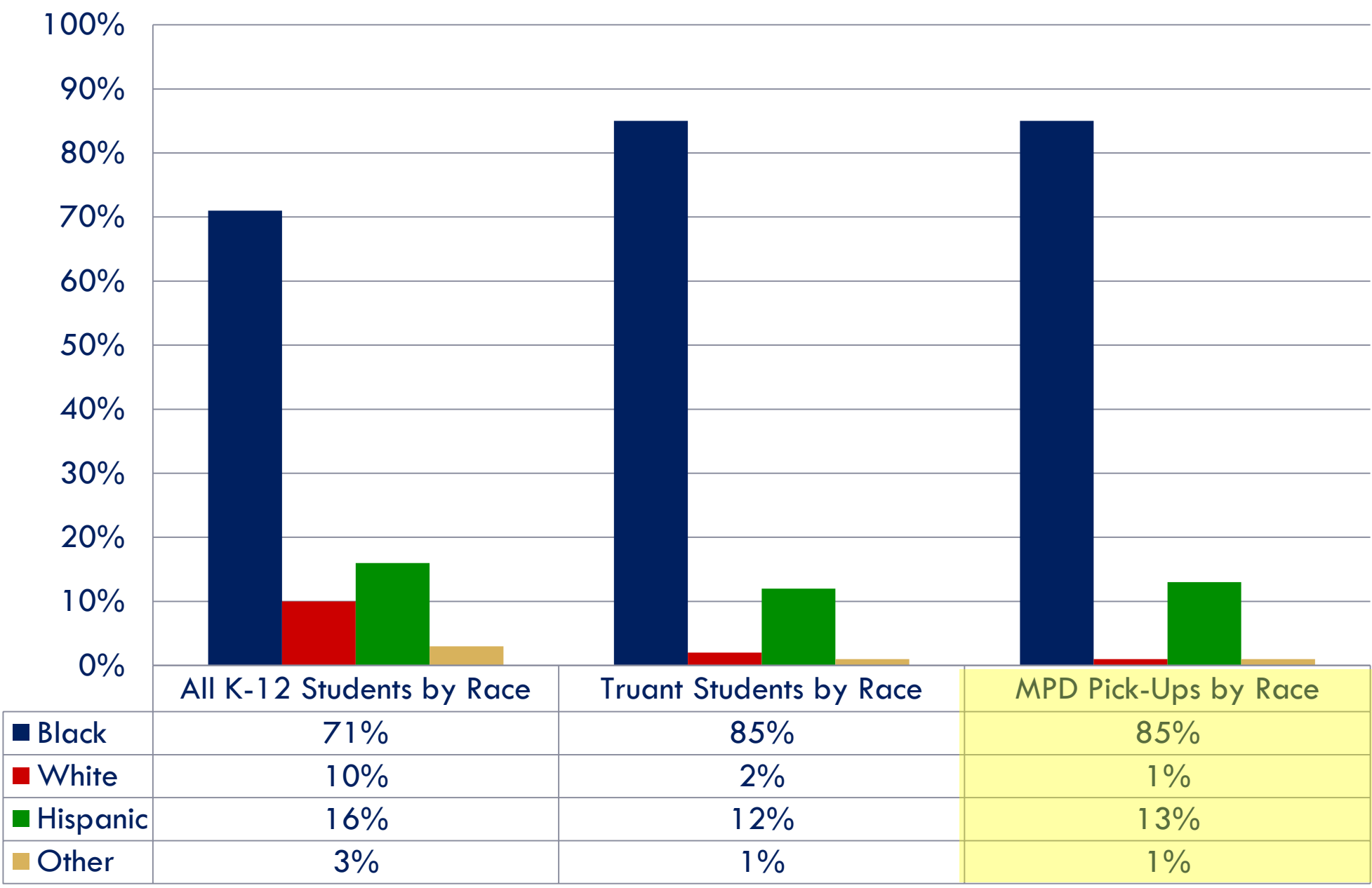


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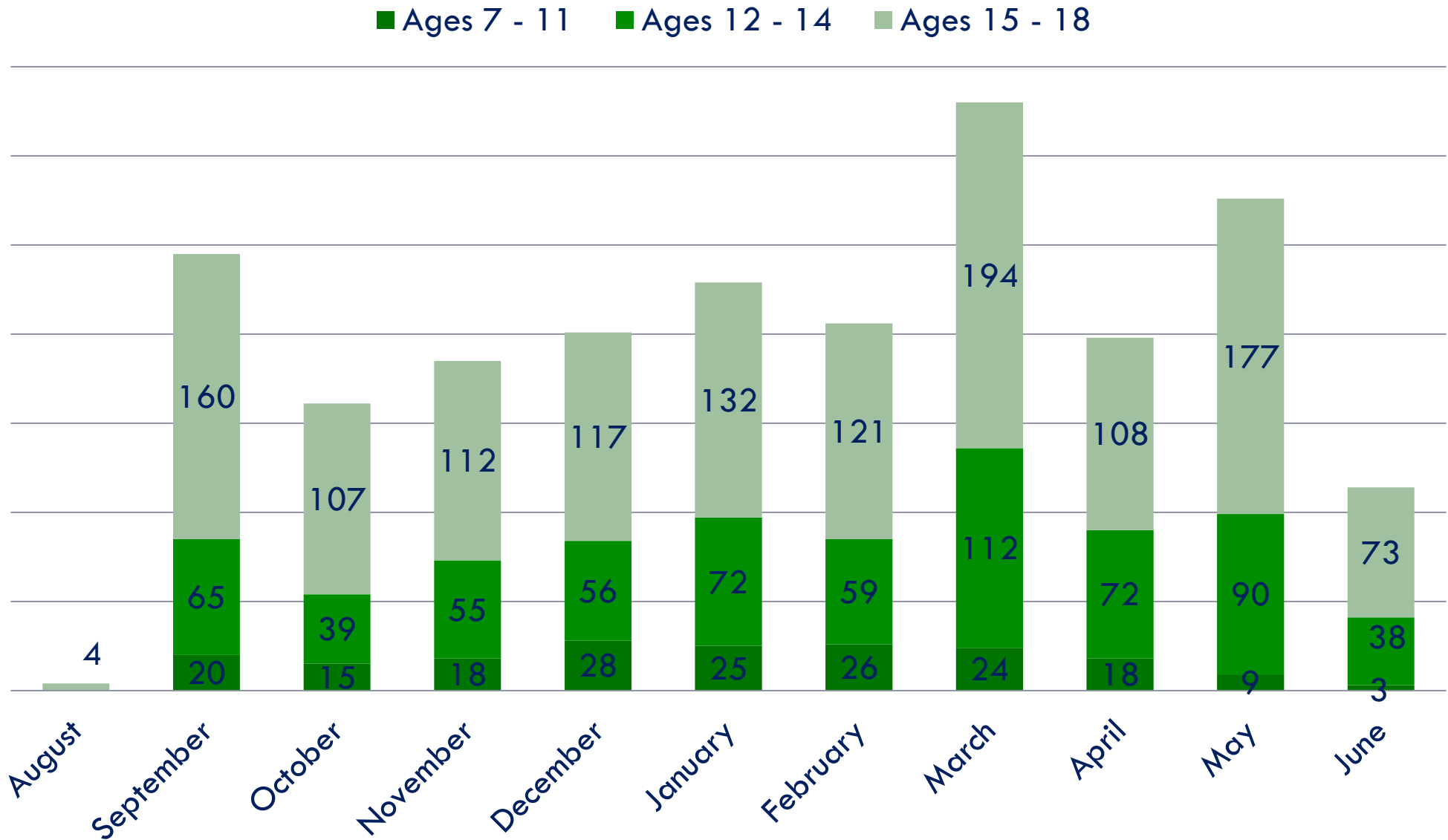


- MPD Districts 7, 5, and 6 have the highest percentage of pick-ups.

# Measure: % of MPD Truancy Pick-ups by Race



# Measure: # of MPD Truancy Pick-Ups by Age Group

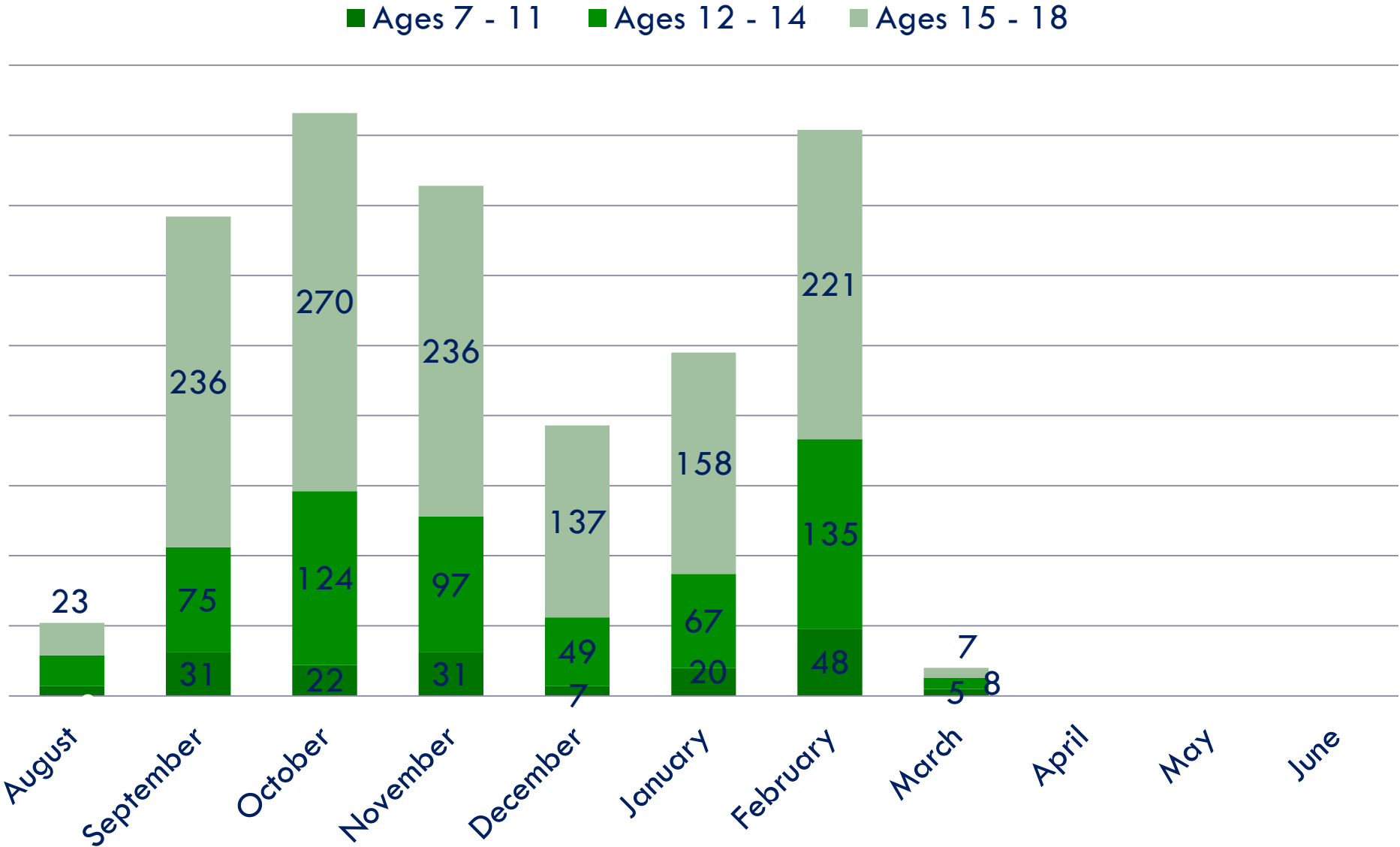


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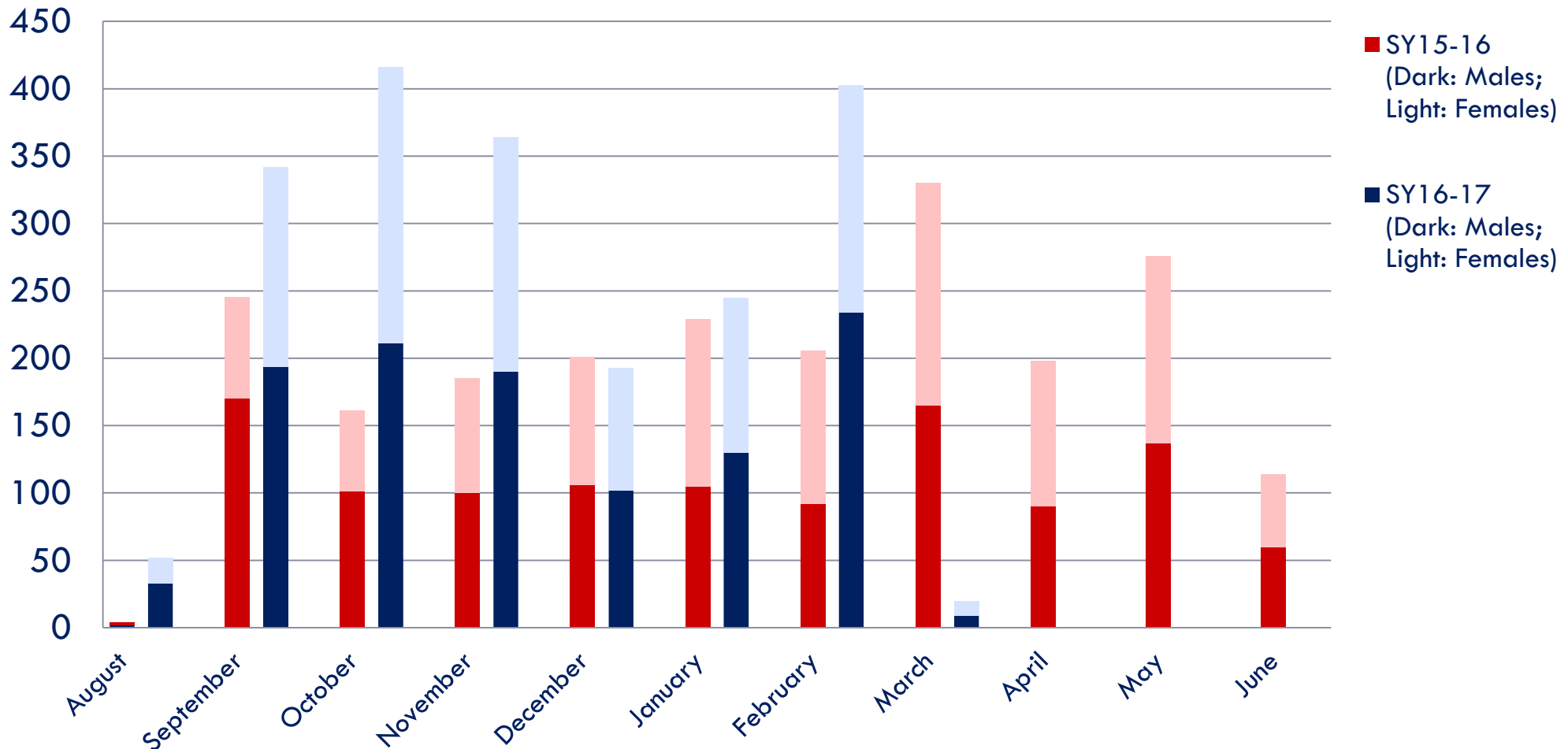


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# Measure: # of MPD Truancy Pick-Ups by Gender

**SY15-16 vs. SY16-17**



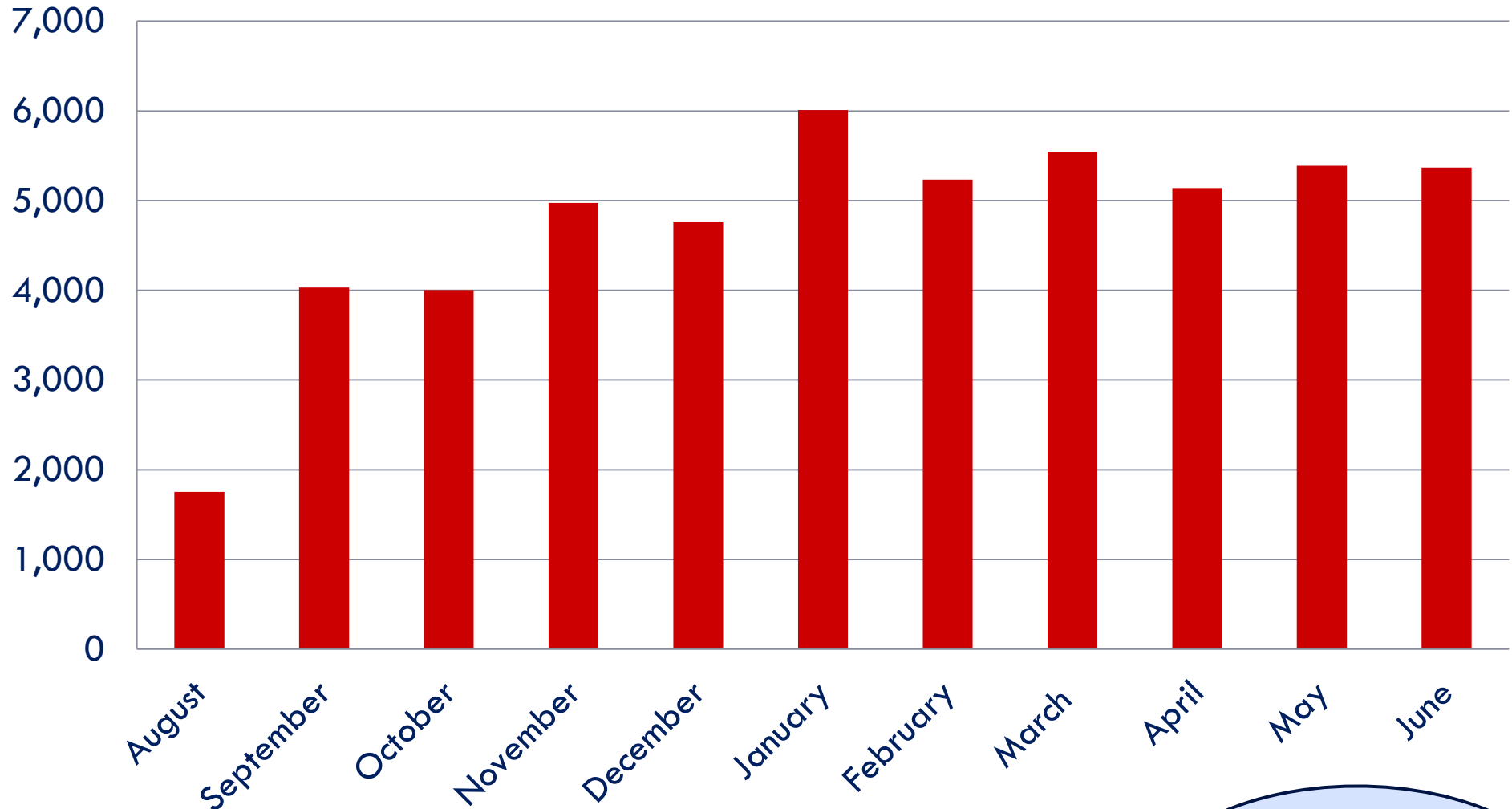
- In SY 2015-16, the number and proportion of female students picked up was higher in second semester as compared to first.

# Measure: Avg. # of Absent Students by Day of Week





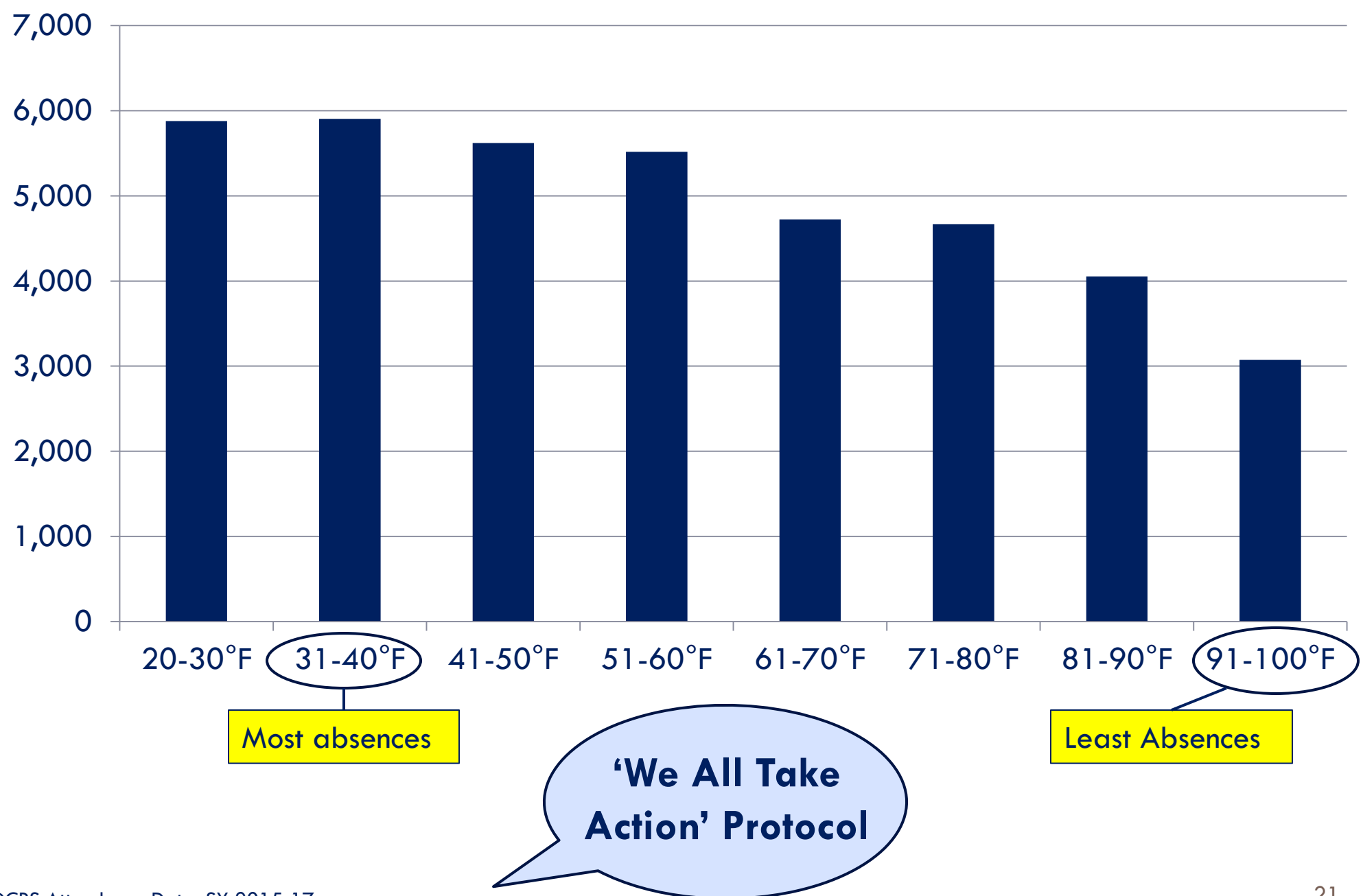
# Measure: Avg. # of Absent Students by Month



- In SY 2015-16, absenteeism peaked in January and remained high for the duration of the school year.

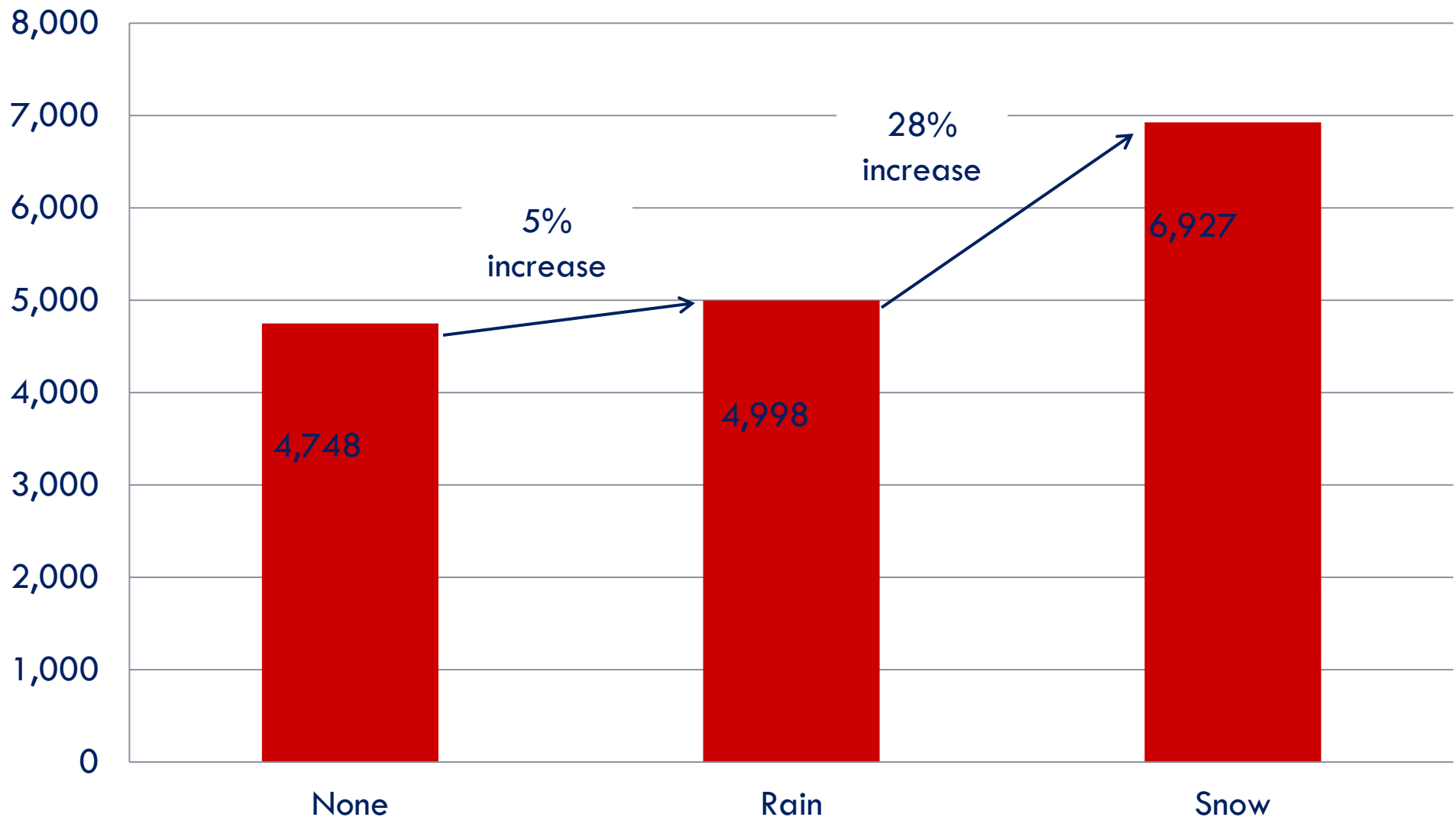
**'We All Take  
Action' Protocol**

# Measure: Avg. # of Absent Students by Temperature





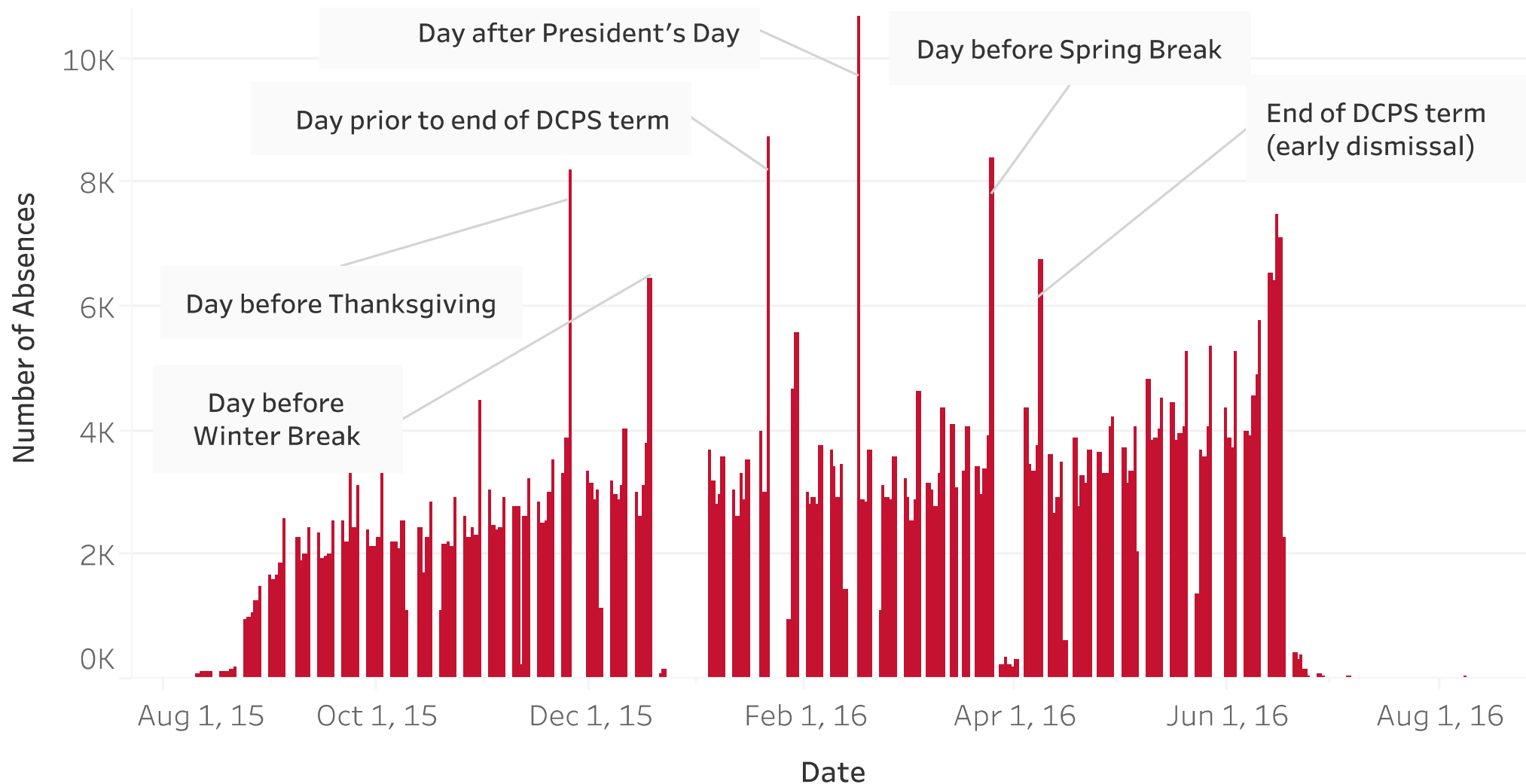
# Measure: Avg. # of Absent Students by Weather



- **Students are 1.4 times more likely to be absent on days when it is snowing compared to days with no inclement weather.**



# Measure: Attendance by Unexcused Absences



- **Spikes in absenteeism are observed following and preceding school holidays.**

# **Monitor: Steering Committee**





# Monitor: SY2016 - 2017 Progress

Phase	Activity	Taskforce	Steering	Policy	Data	Program	Timeline
Advancing	<b>Advance Citywide Planning</b>						
	Identify agency/entity strategies	X					Jan. 2017
	Plan FY18 budget needed		X				Mar. 2017
	<b>Incorporate Youth Input</b>						
	Select and onboard student reps		X				Nov. 2016
	Identify opps for youth input		X				Jan. 2017
	Support Design Challenge II					X	Mar. 2017
	<b>Align Agency Work</b>						
	Incorporate attend. in new work			X			Mar. 2017
	Identify existing opportunities			X			Mar. 2017
	Provide guidance where needed			X			Mar. 2017
Improving	<b>Strengthen Strategic Use of Data</b>						
	Develop timeline for Ed Stat			X	X		Jan. 2017
	Revisit codes/regs to match evidence			X			Apr. 2017
	Improve agency data sharing				X		June 2017
	<b>Expand Attendance.dc.gov</b>						
	Expand resources → LEAS/families			X			Apr. 2017
	Increase site usage + comms					X	June 2017
	<b>Increase Community Outreach</b>						
Scaling	Add new campaign elements					X	June 2017
	<b>Focus on Evidence</b>						
	Continue building evidence base			X	X		Dec. 2017
	Build support for effective strategies			X			Dec. 2017
	<b>Comm./Implement Best Practices</b>						
	Share practices w/ practitioners					X	Dec. 2017
	Plan FY19 budget support		X				Dec. 2017

# **Monitor: Program Committee**



- Mentorship:
  - Update from Kendrick Jackson, MBK
- Every Day Counts! Attendance Competition:
  - Donate to help provide rewards for students through the Fund to Advance Washington, DC  
(<https://dcwebforms.dc.gov/OPGS/donate1/>)
- Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Design Challenge:
  - Participants: Cross-sector with both DCPS and PCS participating
  - Location: One location with various different schools/teams participating



# Monitor: Program Committee

## ○ SST Resource Guide: Example

BARRIER:	Student is Parent and Taking Care of Children
FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS TO ASK:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Do you know of any available child care?</li><li>2. If yes, is the cost too much?</li></ol>
CONNECTION TO RESOURCES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learn DC</li><li>• Department of Human Services: Child Care Services (The program helps low-income families pay their childcare fees and is based on an assessment of need, income and family size.)</li></ul>
HOW TO CONNECT TO RESOURCES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The following portal helps parents, guardians looking for licensed child care in the District of Columbia based on their individual preferences: (<a href="http://www.learndc.org/childcarefinder">http://www.learndc.org/childcarefinder</a>)</li><li>• The Child Care Services Division is located at 4001 South Capitol Street SW, Washington, DC 20032. Doors open for customers requiring child care subsidy assistance as early as 7:30 and close at 4:45. Limited walk-in visits for new applicants are on a “first come, first serve” basis: Monday, Tuesday &amp; Wednesday, from 8:15 am - 3:30 pm. All others applicants need to call to schedule an appointment, Monday-Friday from 8:15 am to 3:30 pm. Child Care Subsidy Admissions Forms can be sent to <a href="mailto:childcareadmissions@dc.gov">childcareadmissions@dc.gov</a>.</li><li>• The following flyer has more information on who/how to access services including the form: <a href="http://dhs.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dhs/service_content/attachments/Child%20Care%20Fact%20Sheet_1.pdf">http://dhs.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dhs/service_content/attachments/Child%20Care%20Fact%20Sheet_1.pdf</a></li></ul>

# **Monitor: Data Committee**



- Timeline for Ed Stat
  - Sample:
    - May: School Climate
    - July: Juvenile Justice
    - September: Poverty
    - November: Health
  - Next Step: Vetting with Data Committee
- Progress on Analyses
  - CFSA & CSSD Attendance Crosswalk

# **Monitor: Policy Committee**



- Update forthcoming from DMHHS



## Next Steps



- **Taskforce**

- Next Meeting: May TBA, 2017

- **Committees**

- **Steering Committee:**

- FY18 budget

- **Data Committee:**

- Implement timeline for Ed Stat
- Reconvene on CFSA/CSSD & attendance data match

- **Policy Committee:**

- Revisit codes/regulations to match evidence
- Identify and draft guidance for LEAs/families

- **Program Committee:**

- Plan for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Design Challenge
- Update [attendance.dc.gov](https://attendance.dc.gov)
- Create and share additional resources for parents and LEAs

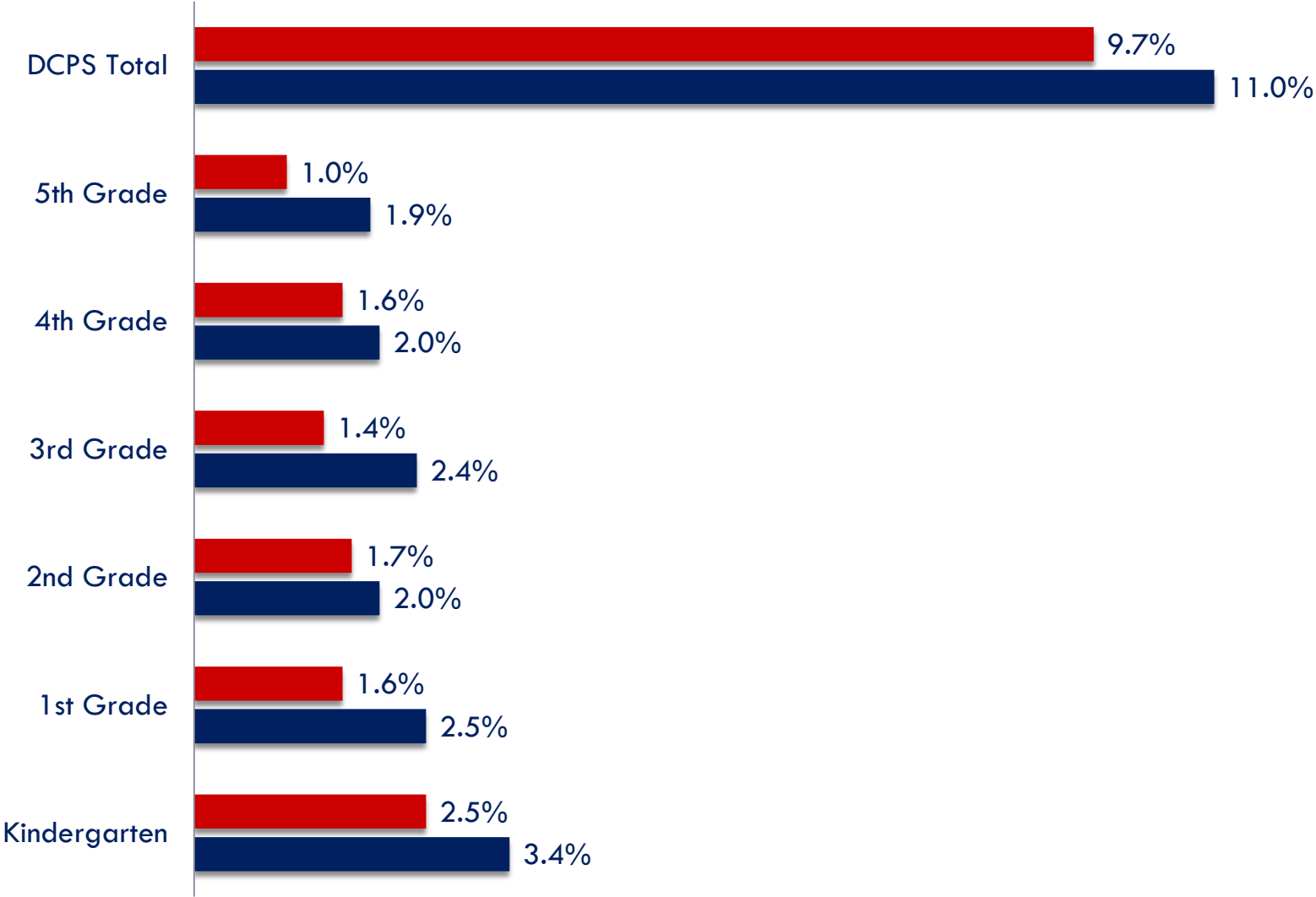
# Appendices

# **Appendix A: Additional Q2 Truancy Taskforce Data Committee Report Highlights**



## Chronic Truancy by Grade (K-5) DCPS

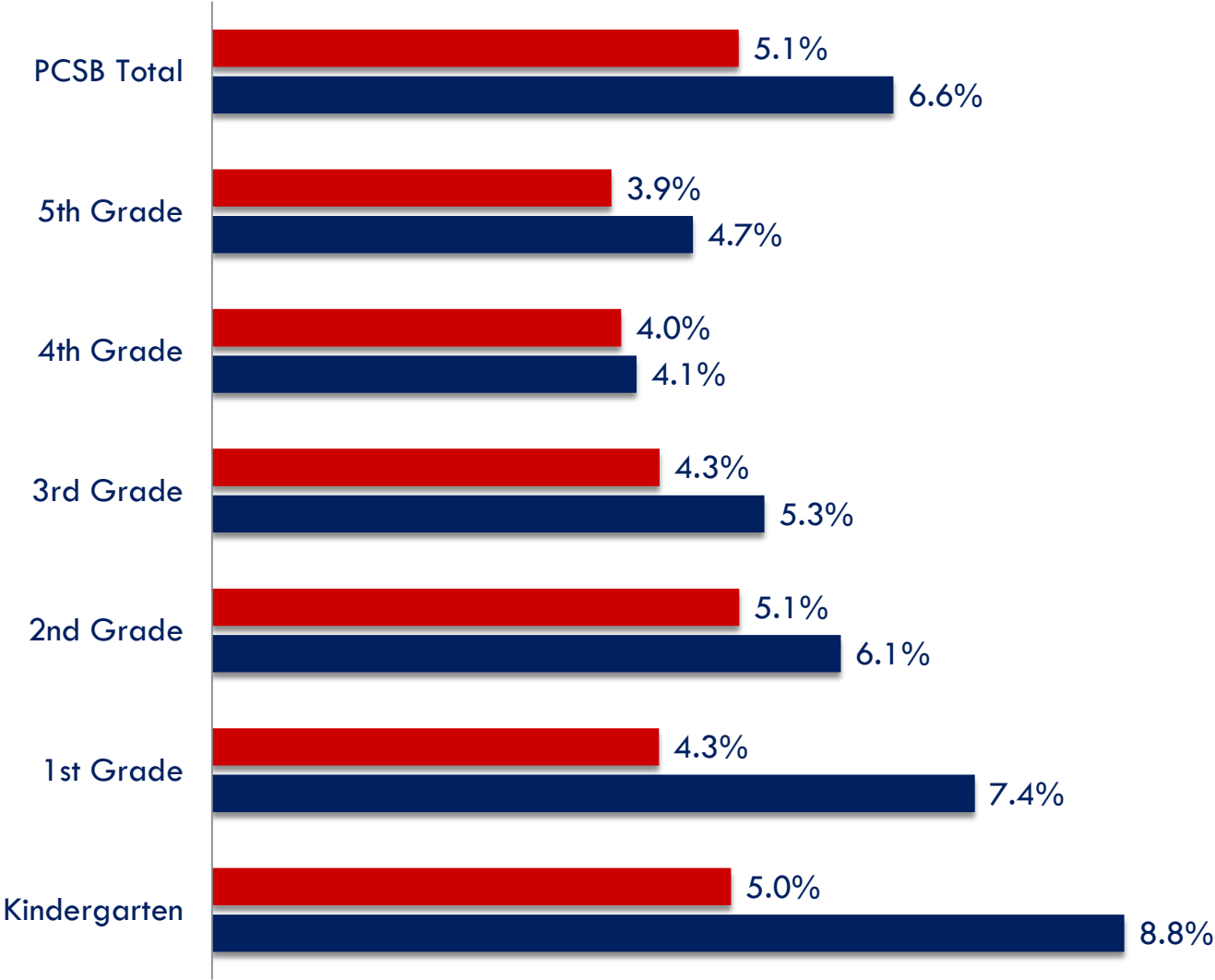
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## Chronic Truancy by Grade (K-5) PCS

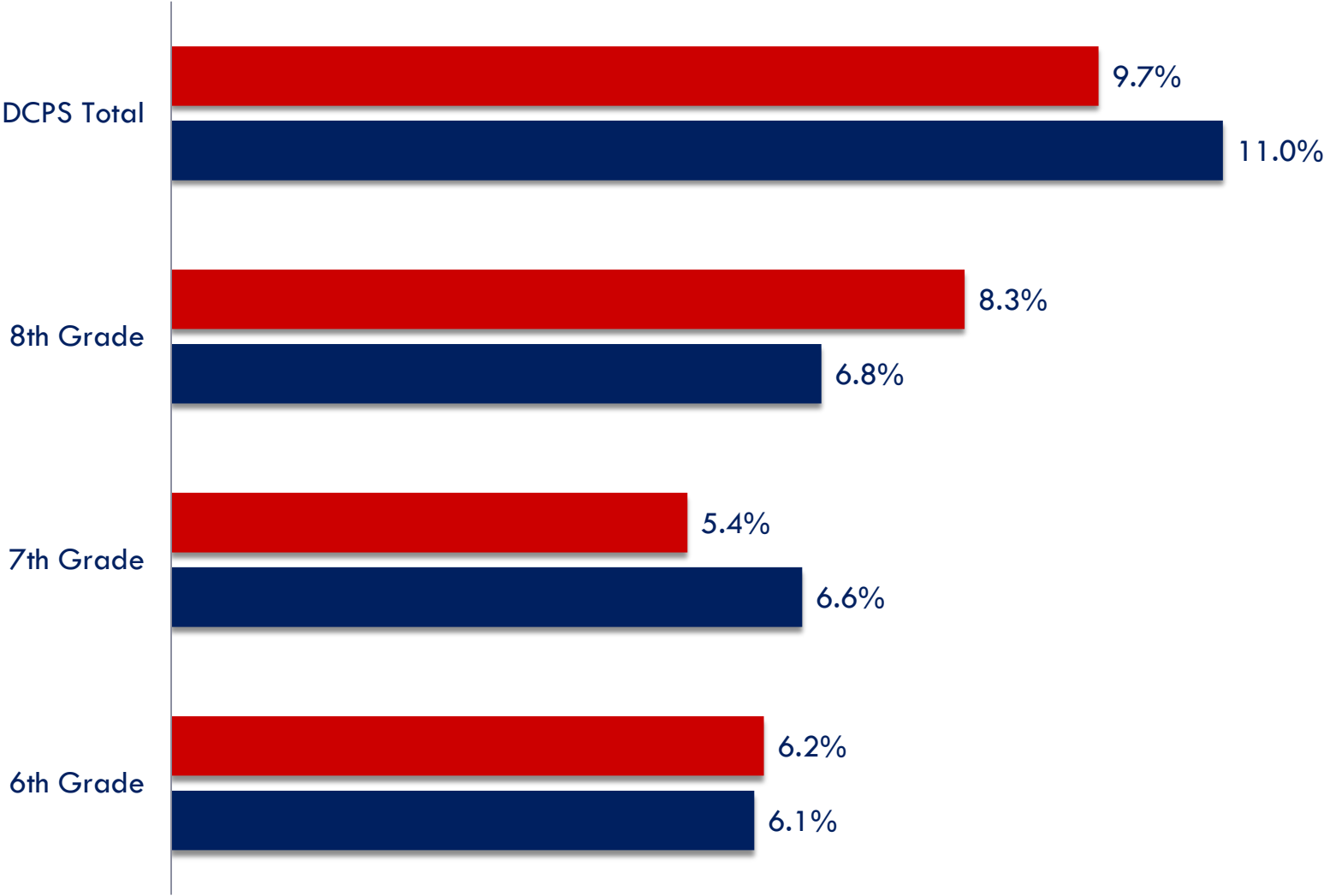
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## Chronic Truancy by Grade (6-8) DCPS

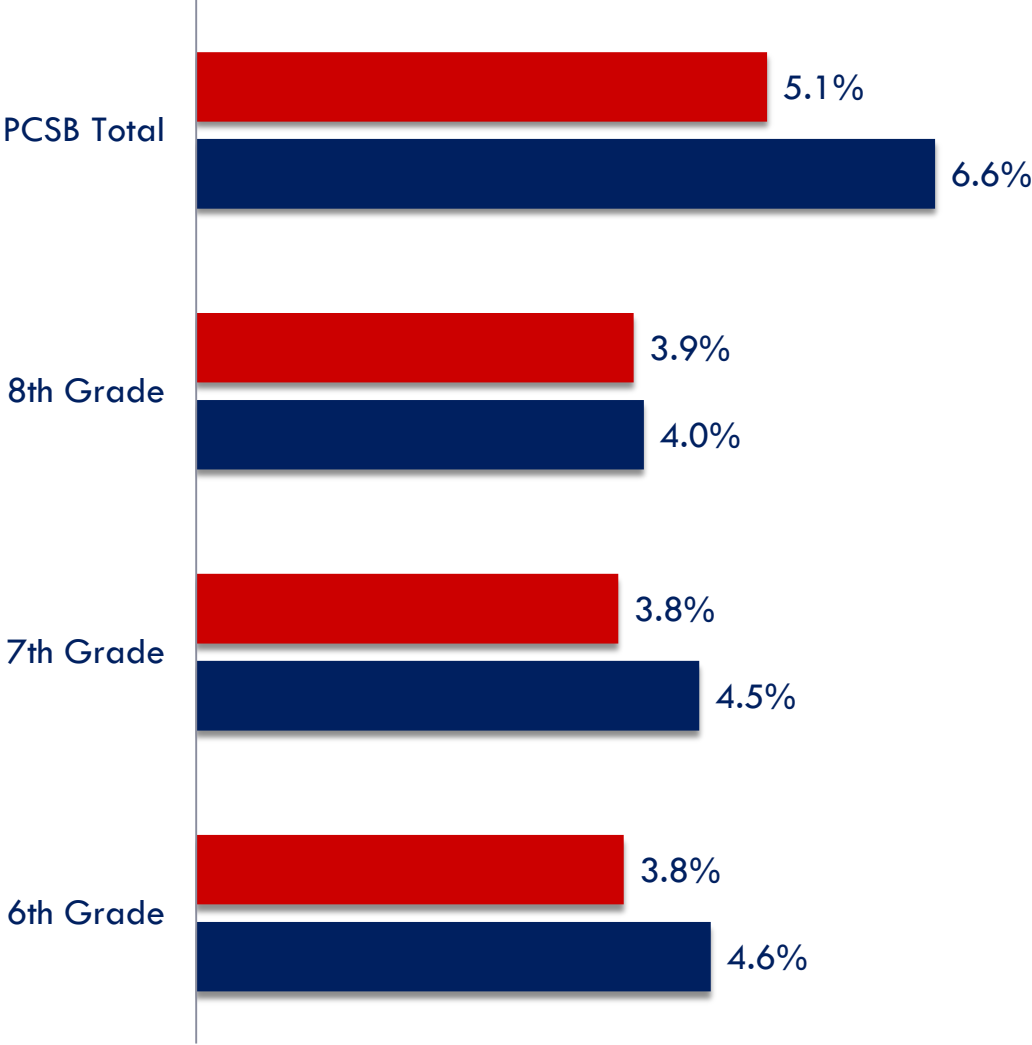
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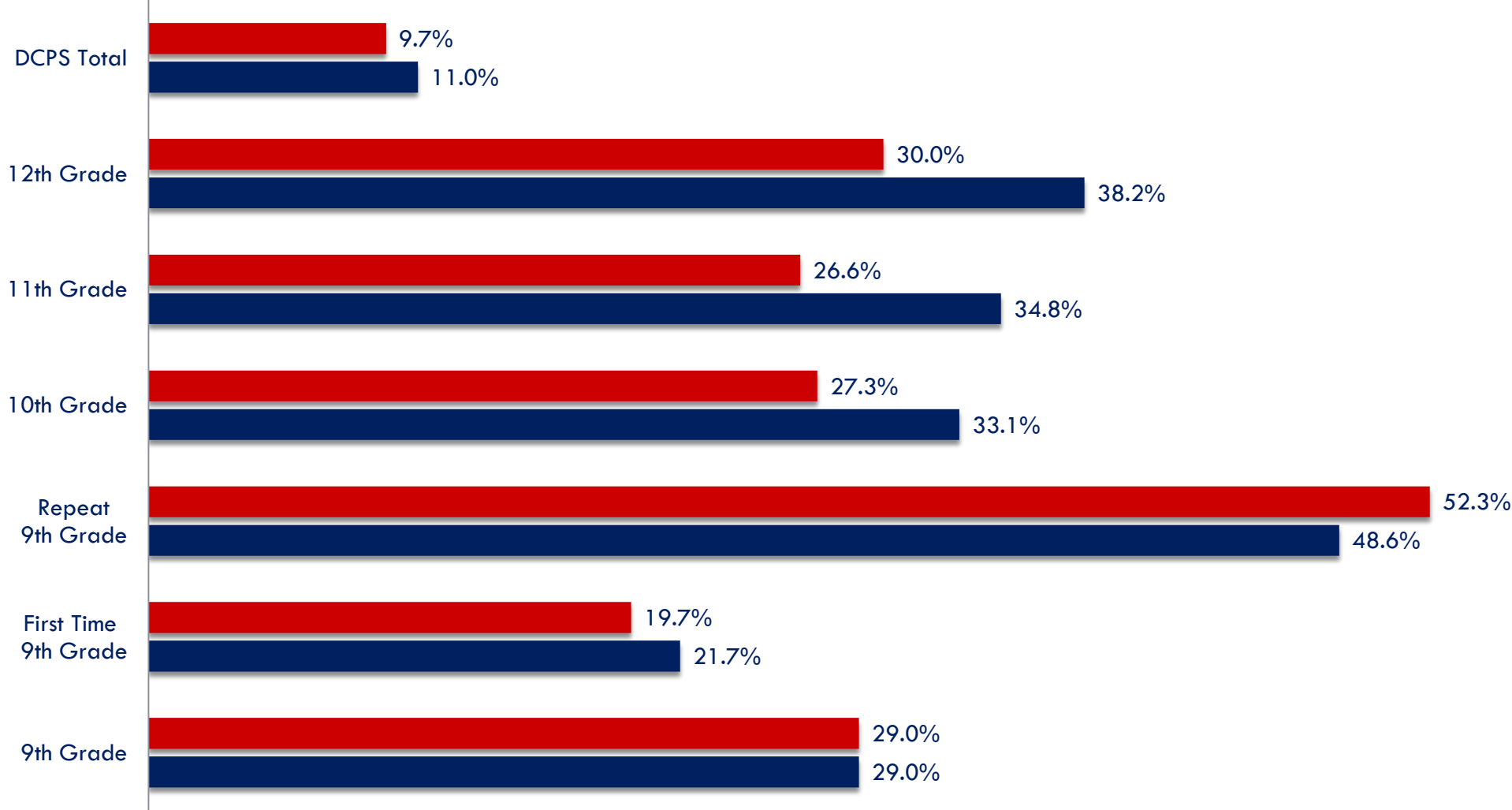






## Chronic Truancy by Grade (9-12) DCPS

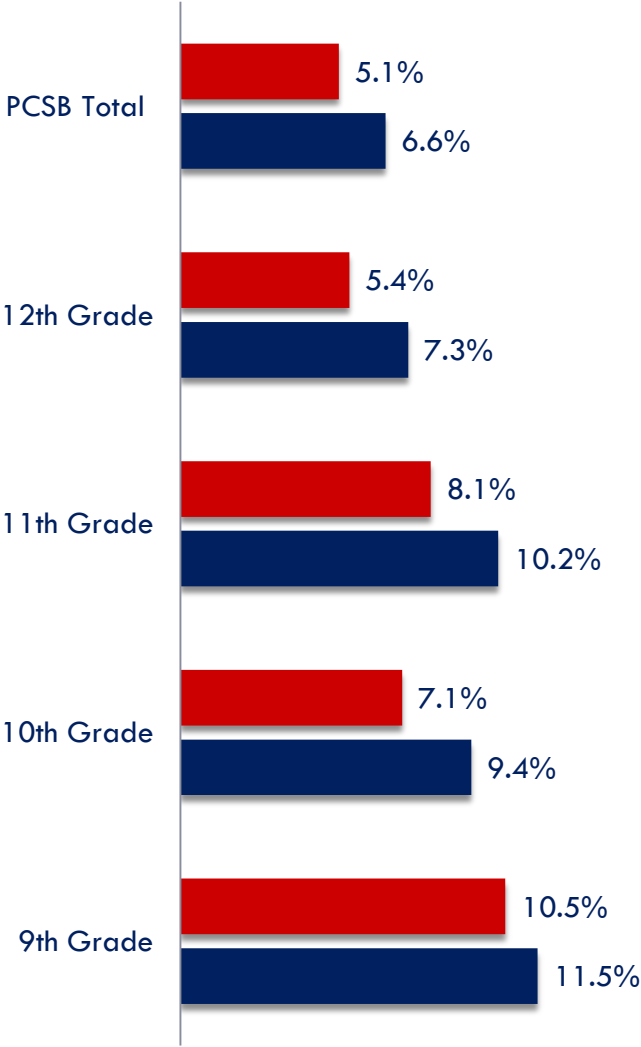
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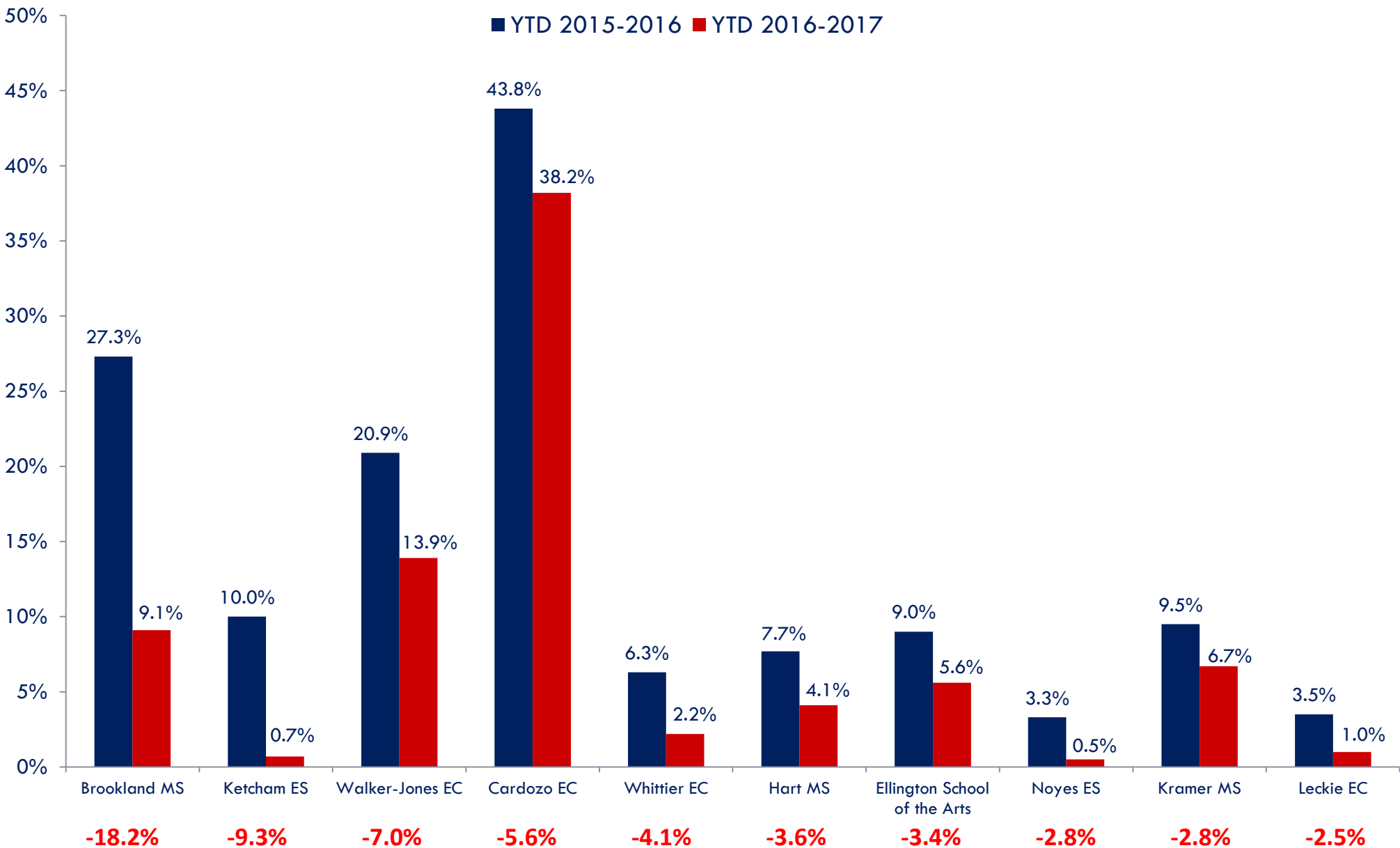
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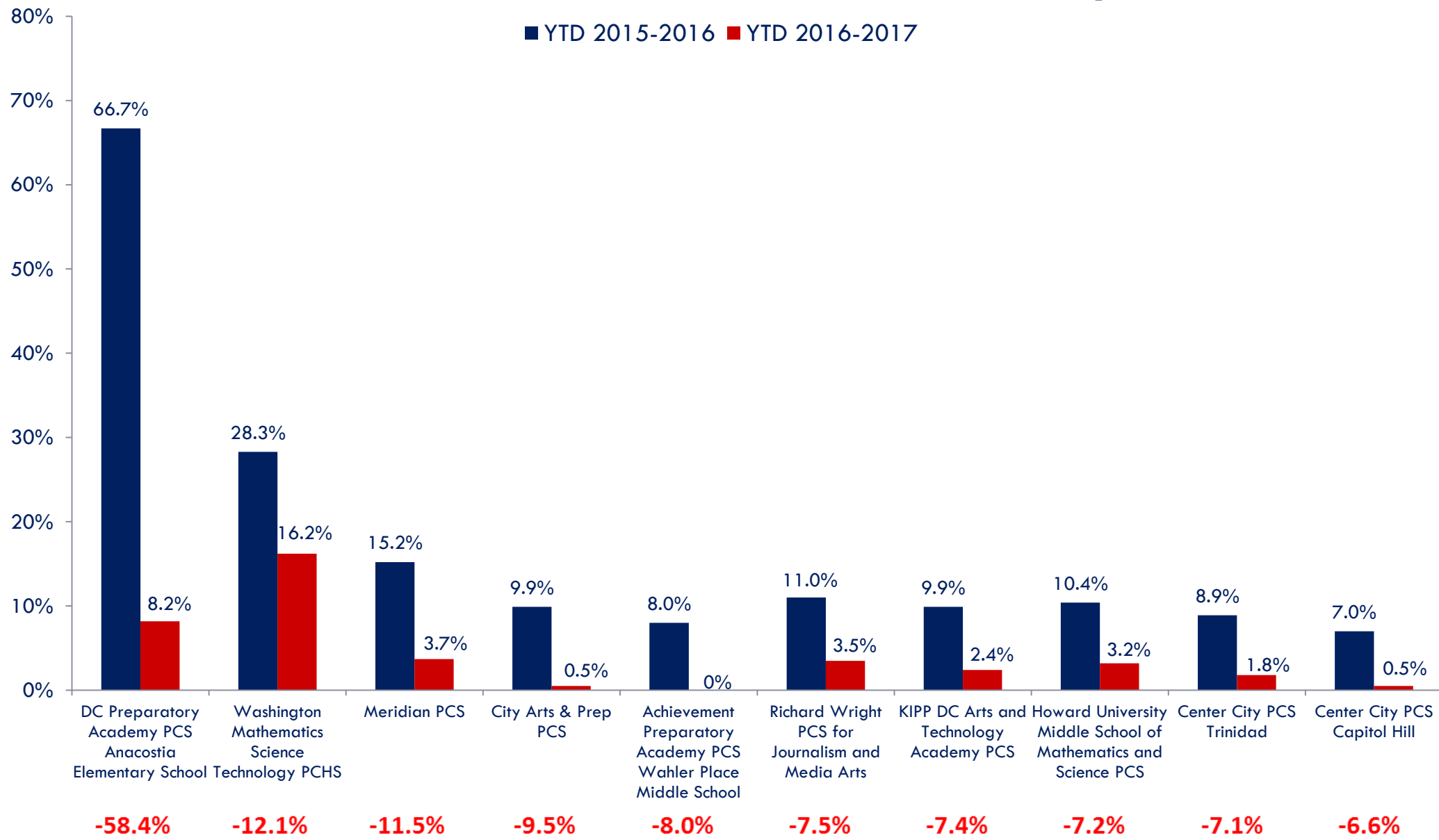
## DCPS with Largest Reductions in Truancy



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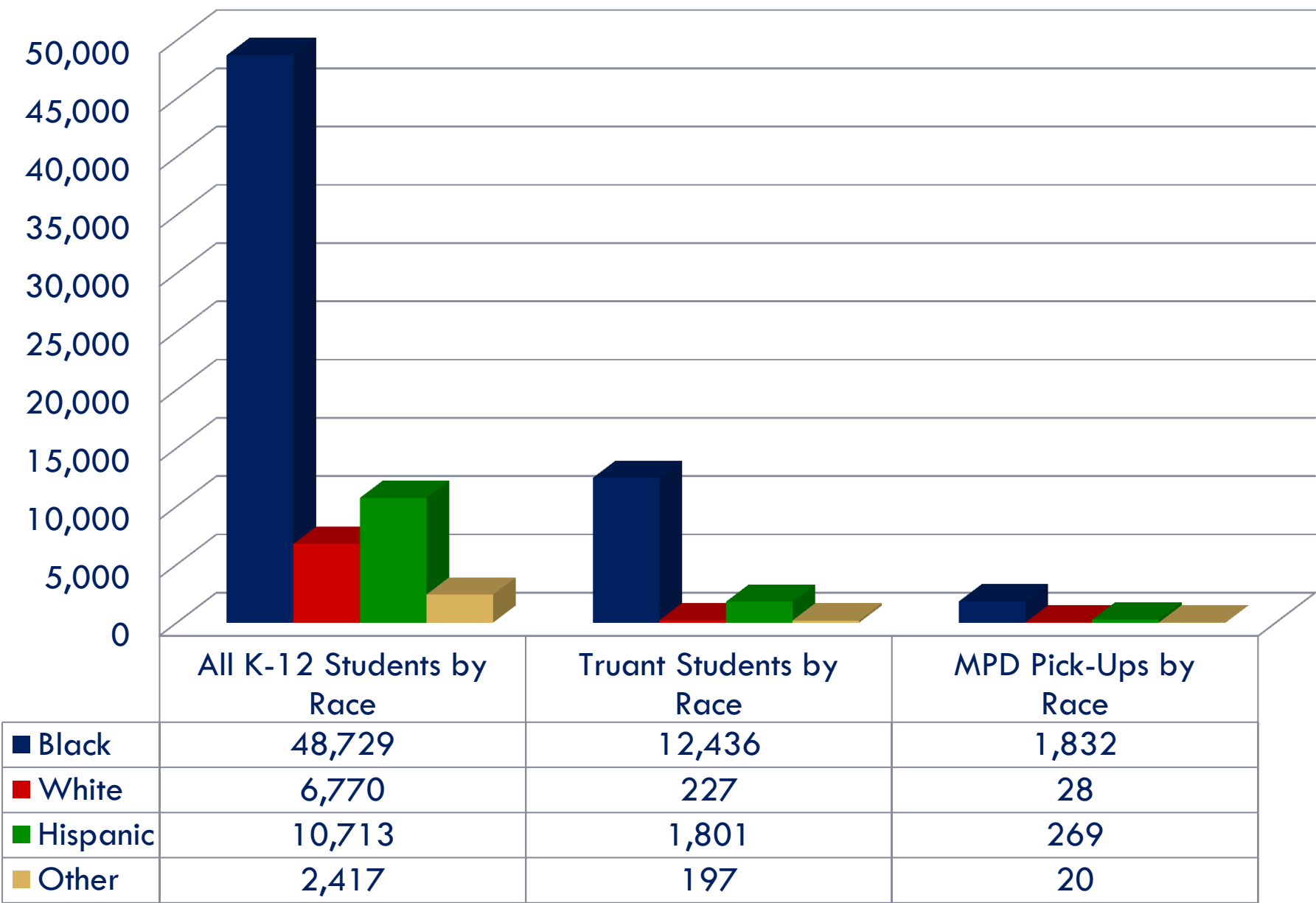
## PCS with Largest Reductions in Truancy



## **Appendix B: Additional Patterns by Time of Year**



# Measure: Truancy Violations by Race (SY15-16)



# **Appendix C: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Update**



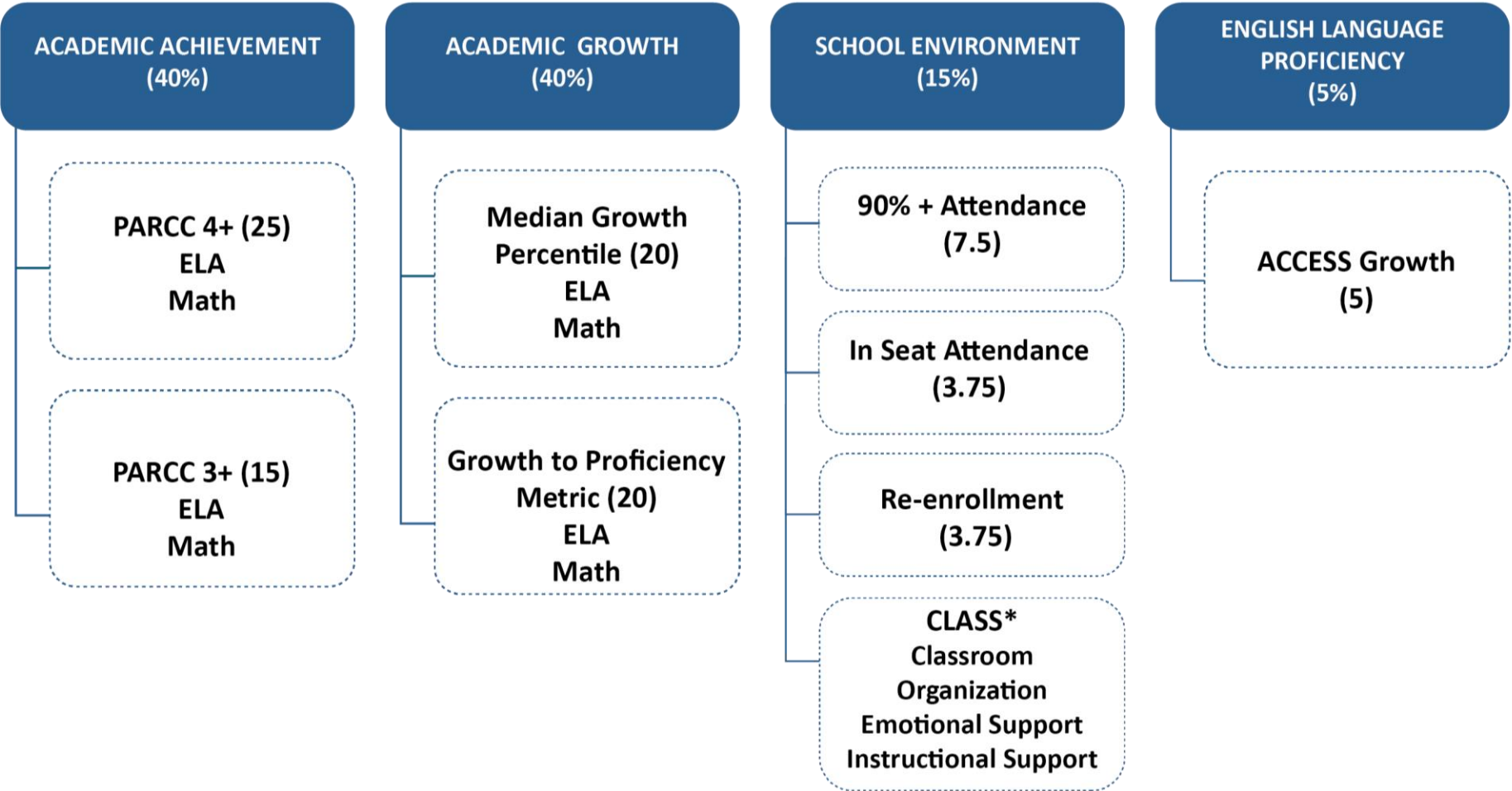
## ESSA Summary

- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed by President Obama on December 10, 2015. ESSA reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and replaces the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001.
- ESSA helps ensure educational opportunity for all students by:
  - Holding all students to high academic standards that prepare them for success in college and careers.
  - **Ensuring accountability by guaranteeing that when students fall behind, states redirect resources into what works to help them and their schools improve, with a particular focus on the very lowest-performing schools, high schools with high dropout rates, and schools with achievement gaps.**
  - Empowering state and local decision-makers to develop their own strong systems for school improvement based upon evidence, rather than imposing cookie-cutter federal solutions like the No Child Left Behind Act did.





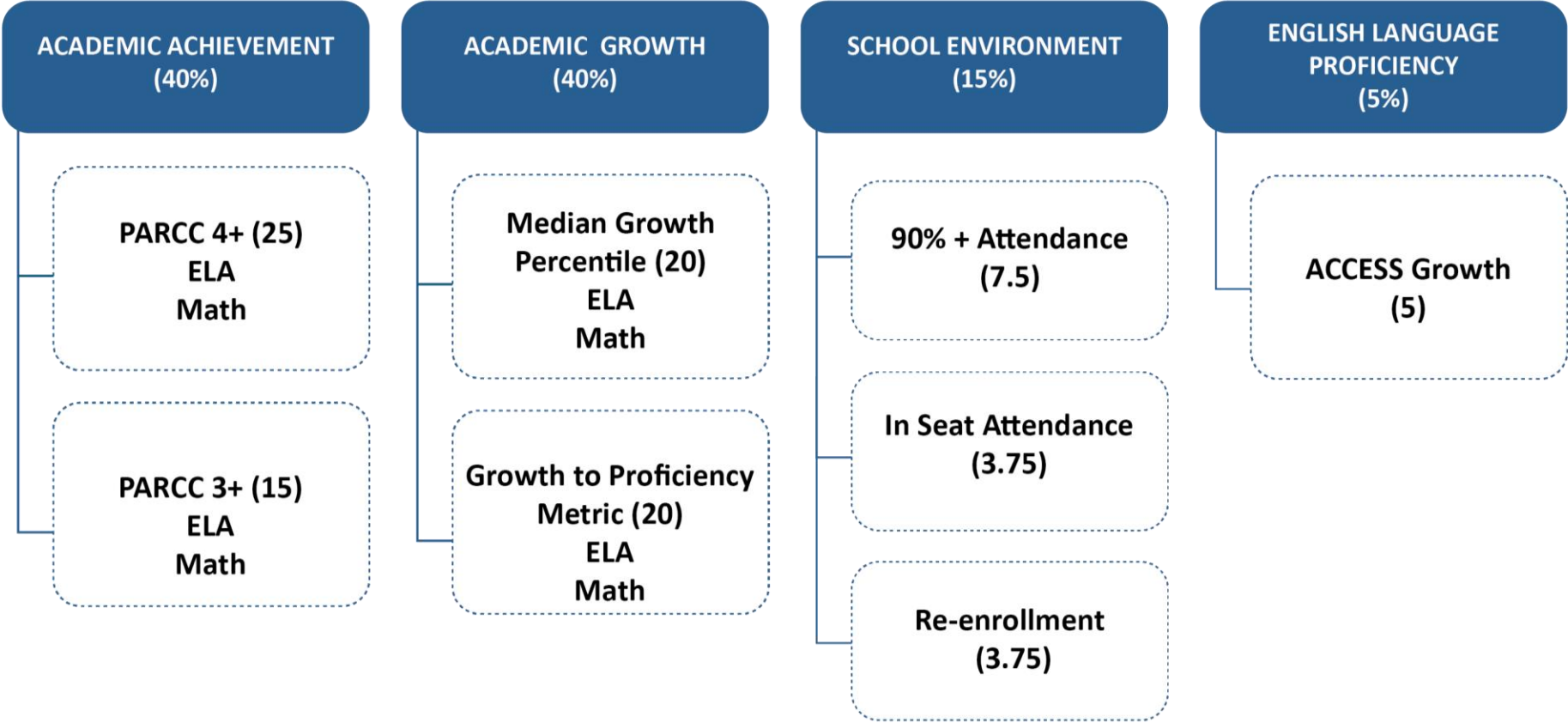
## STAR - Elementary Schools and Kindergarten-Grade 8 with Pre-K



\*Weights will be set proportionally based on the percentage of students in pre-K versus other grades; methodology TBD.

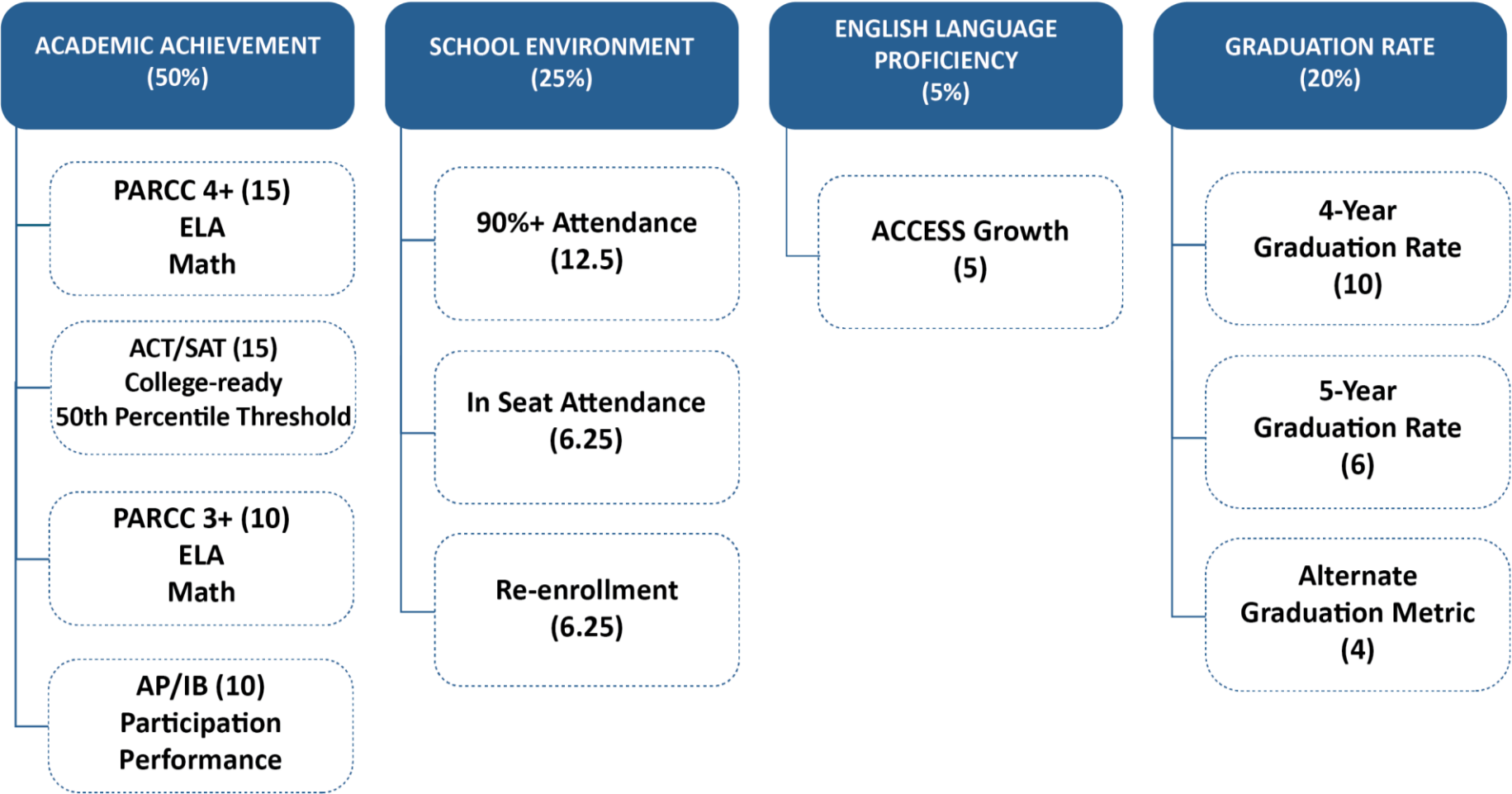


## STAR - Middle School





## STAR – High School





## Timeline and Engagement Opportunities

- ❑ March 22 (special session): SBOE vote on state plan
- ❑ April 3: DC submits state plan to ED
- ❑ August (120 days): Feedback/approval from ED

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