



# COMBATING CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

*December 12, 2023*





	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2021-2022 (w/ waivers)</b>	<b>2021-2022 (w/o waivers)</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
<b>LCPS</b>	7.8%			
<b>STATE</b>	10.6%			

# OUR MOTIVATION

- *When students are not in school, their academics will **suffer**.*
- *Good attendance prepares students for the **workforce** and the **expectations** that come along with being part of an organization, community, and team.*
- *Poor student attendance places a tremendous amount of **stress** on teachers.*



WE HAD TO CHANGE A  
**MINDSET**





# OUR STRATEGIES

- Utilized a **team approach** to the issue.
- Hired **Attendance Specialists** for each school.
- Defined **roles and responsibilities** for all team members.
- Provided **immediate feedback & communication** with families (beyond a robocall).
  - Find out barriers students/families are facing during these personal connections.
- Immediate make-up of instruction with **meaningful engagement** after 5 missed days of school. (Excused and Unexcused)



## HELPING STUDENTS MAKE UP FOR **MISSED INSTRUCTIONAL TIME**

- *Must be meaningful engagement*
- *May mean a student's school day ends at 6 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m.*
- *Excused or unexcused*
- *After-school instruction (meals and transportation provided)*
- *Additional counseling services, if needed*







## TRANSPORTATION

POSITIVE DRIVERS | CARS/VANS/BUSES | EVENING TRANSPORTATION





## **MENTAL HEALTH**

HIRED ADDITIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELORS | HIRED MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS  
HANDLE WITH CARE | SOURCES OF STRENGTH



## **FOOD & OTHER INSECURITIES**

BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM | AFTER-SCHOOL MEALS  
GRAB & GO MEALS | WEEKEND & SUMMER MEALS | CLOTHING CLOSET | RESOURCE COUNCIL





## **SAFETY & SECURITY**

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS | WEAPONS DETECTORS | POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS



IT HAS BEEN ALL ABOUT HELPING OUR COMMUNITY EMBRACE

**OUR VISION!**





ATTENDANCE ★ LITERACY ★ LEARNING

**ALL IN  
VA**

KEEPING OUR COMMITMENT