

# VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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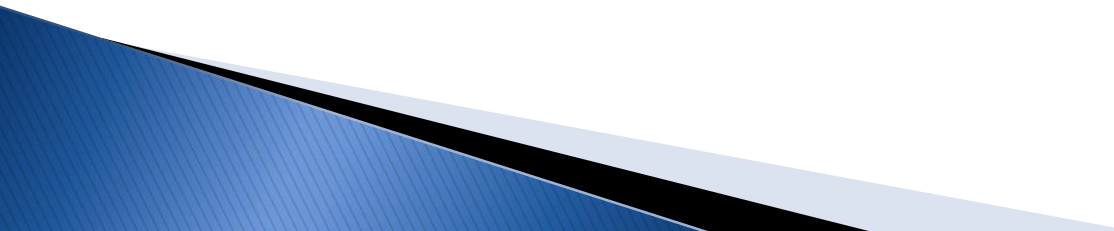
## **Reducing Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism**

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- **Superintendent's Challenge**
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  - **New State Attendance Laws**
  - **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS**
  - **Systemic Response to School Absence's**
  - **Attendance data monitored weekly**
  - **Case Management**
  - **AU PROJECT AT VCMS**
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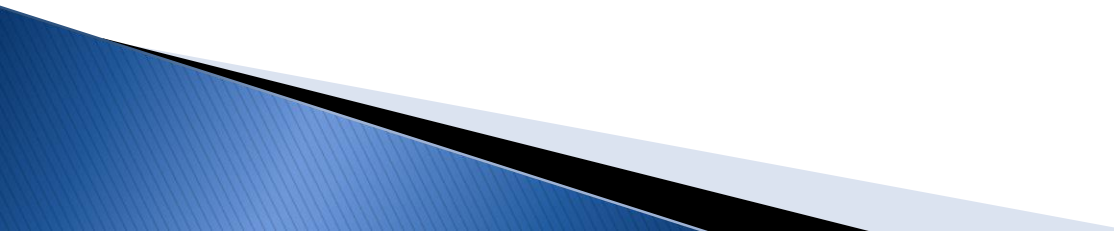
- ▶ What is the state law?
- ▶ Adopting the law into policy
- ▶ How have we communicated the law to parents (RE: letter to parents, see packet)
- ▶ Making school personnel aware of districts goals

**\*Any absence is missed instruction**



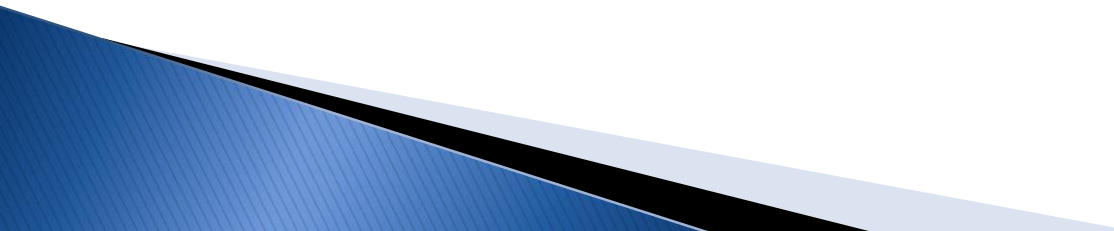
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## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

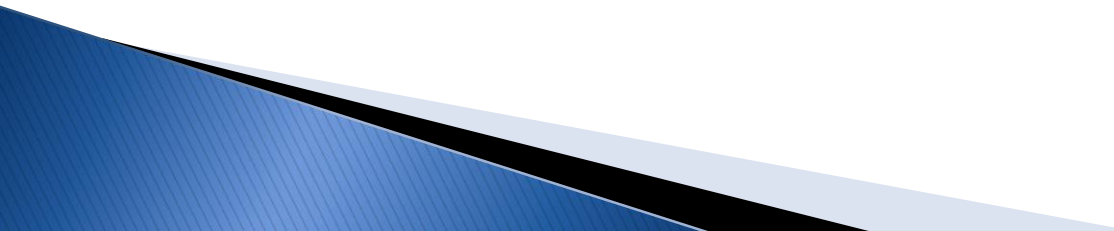
- ▶ Each school has a Leadership Team (BLT)
  - ▶ School administrators
  - ▶ One of the main goals of the BLT is attendance
  - ▶ School Family Community Partnership–Grant
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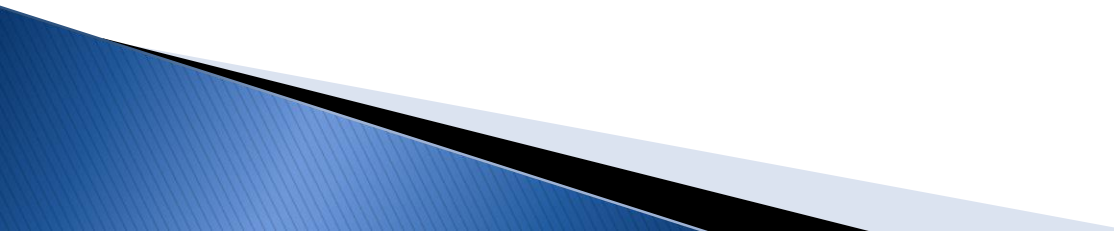
## Systemic Response to School Absence's

- ▶ Revamped the BOE attendance policy to fit the state attendance laws.
  - ▶ We added additional interventions to fit our specific needs. (discussion)
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# Attendance data monitored weekly

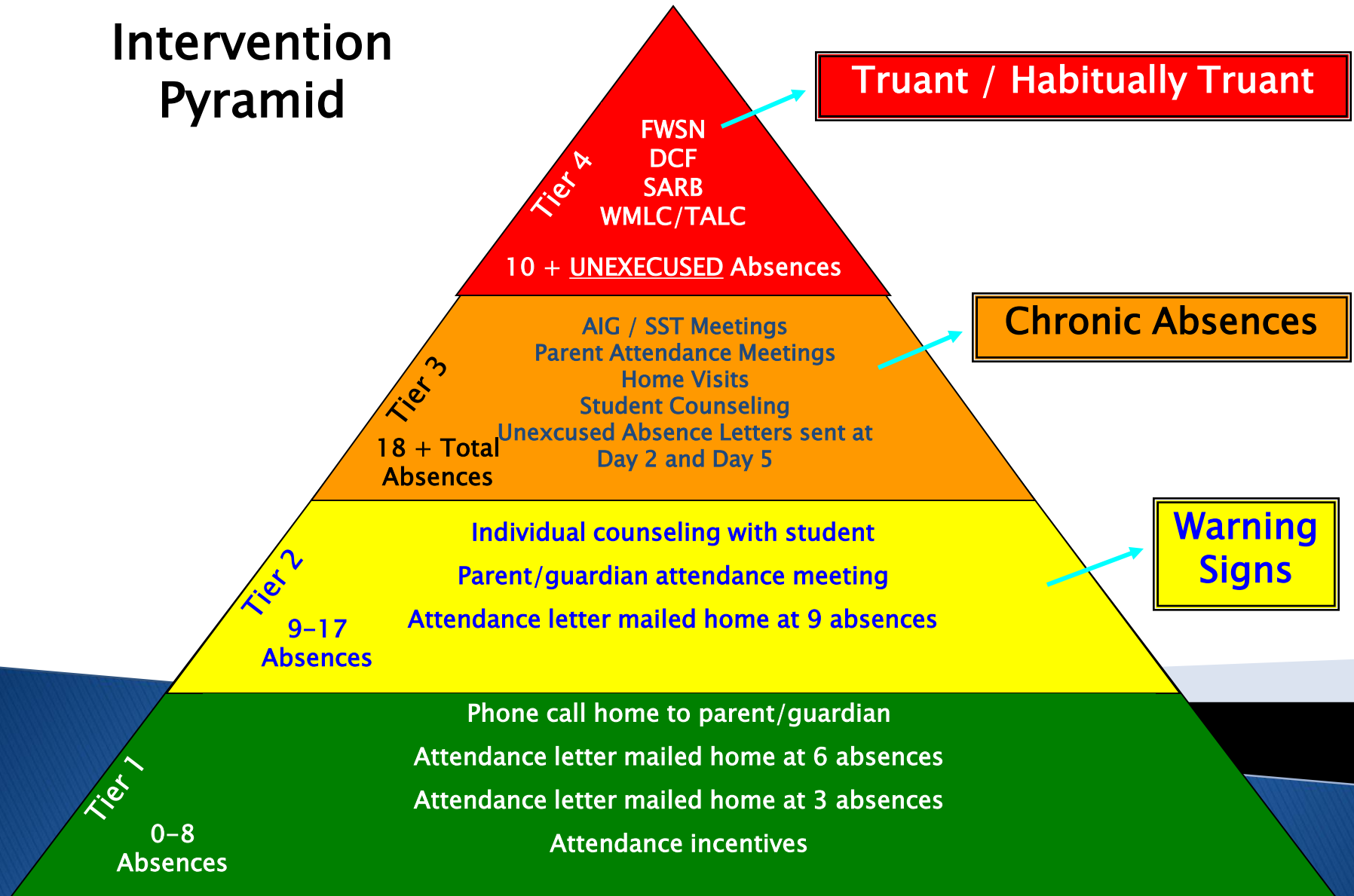
- ▶ Who tracks the data? Who's involved?
  - ▶ Who presents that data?
  - ▶ Team based approach.
  - ▶ Plan/Intervention
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# Case Management

- ▶ Individual monitoring
  - ▶ In school Mentoring–Lunch buddy
  - ▶ Truancy Intervention Program (individual/Groups)
  - ▶ Student Study Team (SST), Attendance Intervention Group (AIG), Student Attendance Review Board (SARB)
  - ▶ Referrals to outside agencies
  - ▶ Student support
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# Tiered Attendance Intervention Pyramid



# How have community partners been involved?

## **PRE-K to 5 AND BEYOND:**

**VERNON YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU**

**VERNON COMMUNITY NETWORK**

**VERNON YOUTH COMMITTEE**

## **MIDDLE:**

**STUDENT STUDY TEAM**

**KIDSAFE CT MENTORING**

**SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL**

## **RHS:**

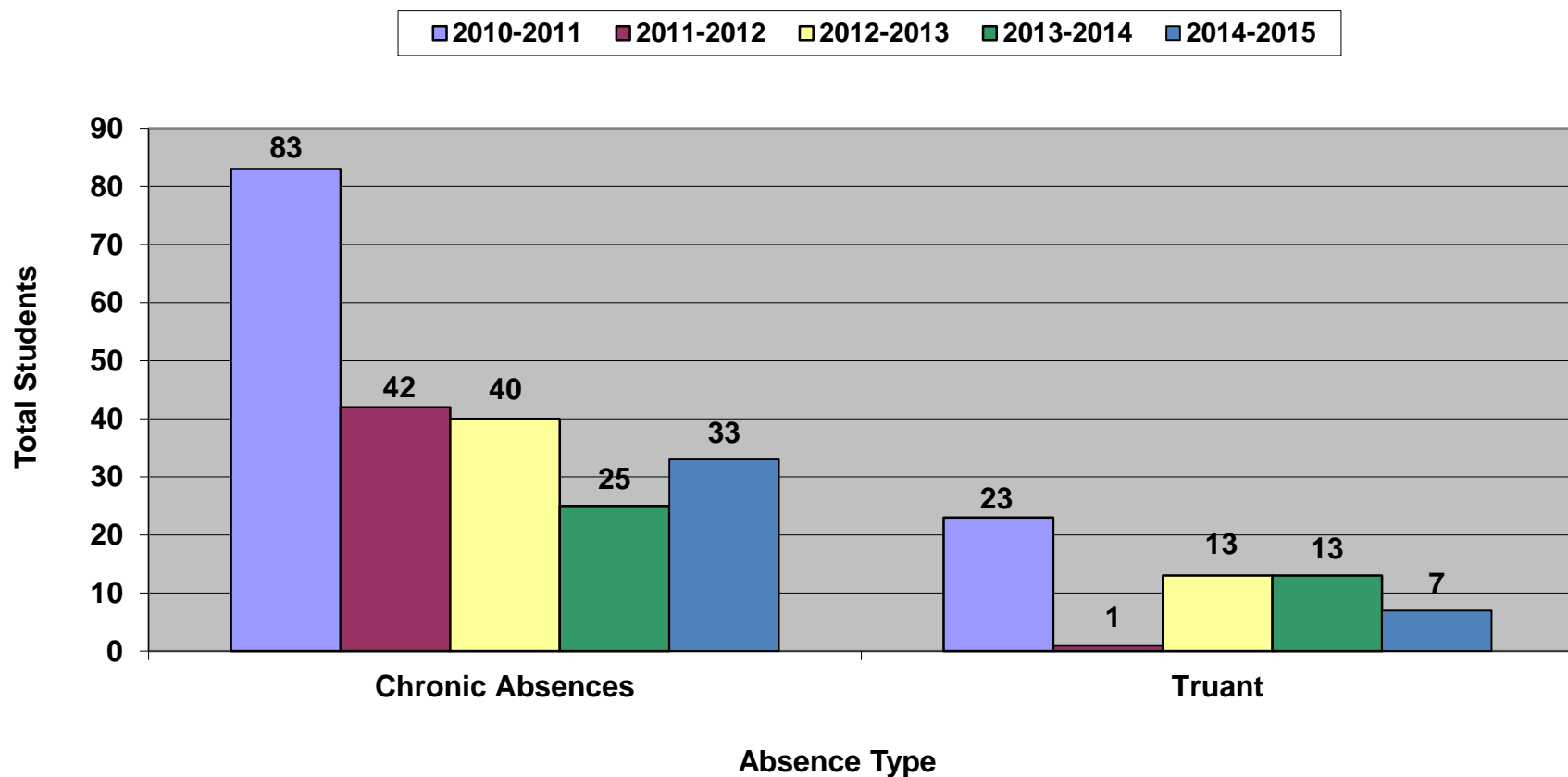
**ATTENDANCE INTERVENTION GROUP**

**VYSB**

**SARB**



## Number of Students with Chronic Absences & Truancy VCMS

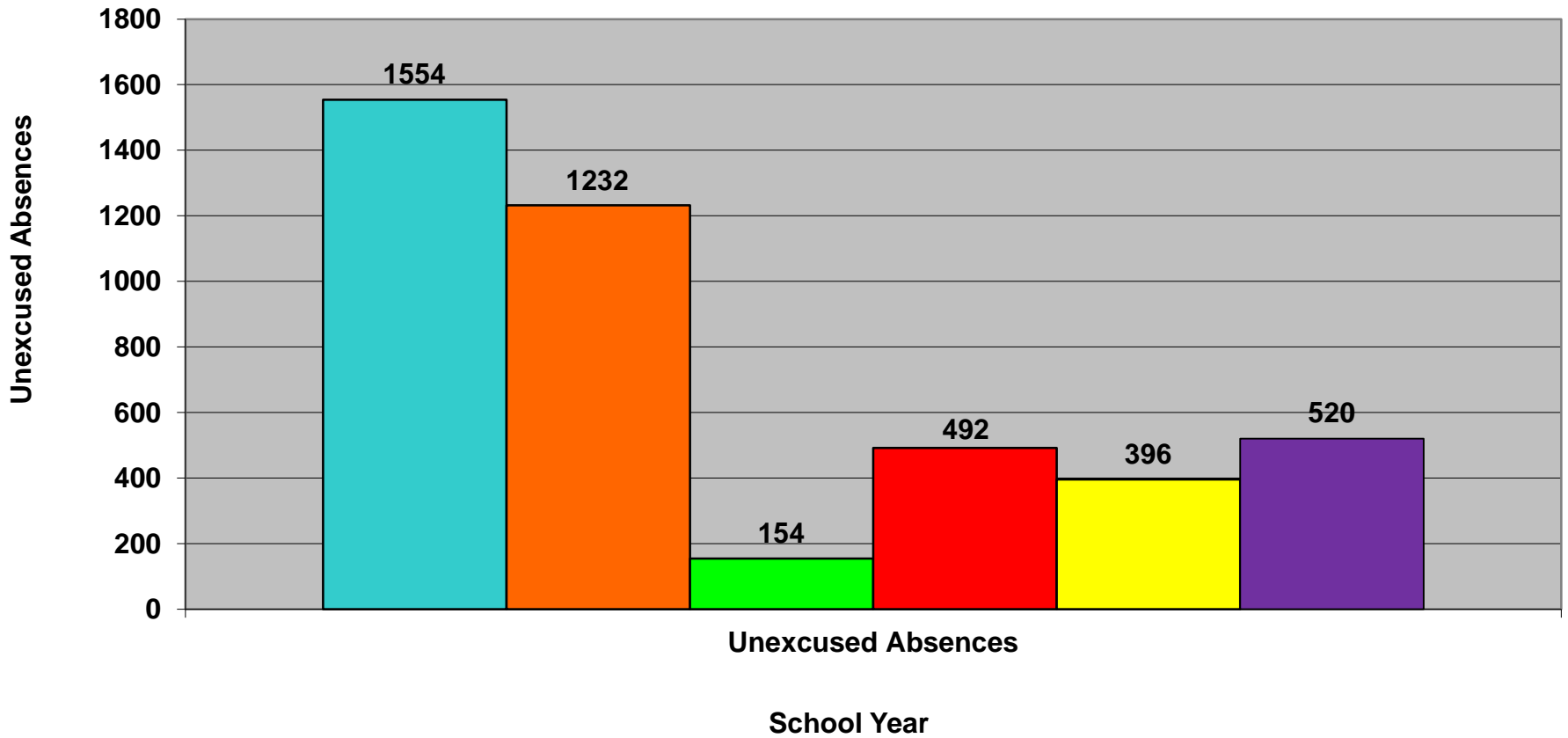


Chronic Absences: 18 or more total  
absences (10% of school missed)

Truant: 10 or more Unexcused  
Absences or 4 absences in a month

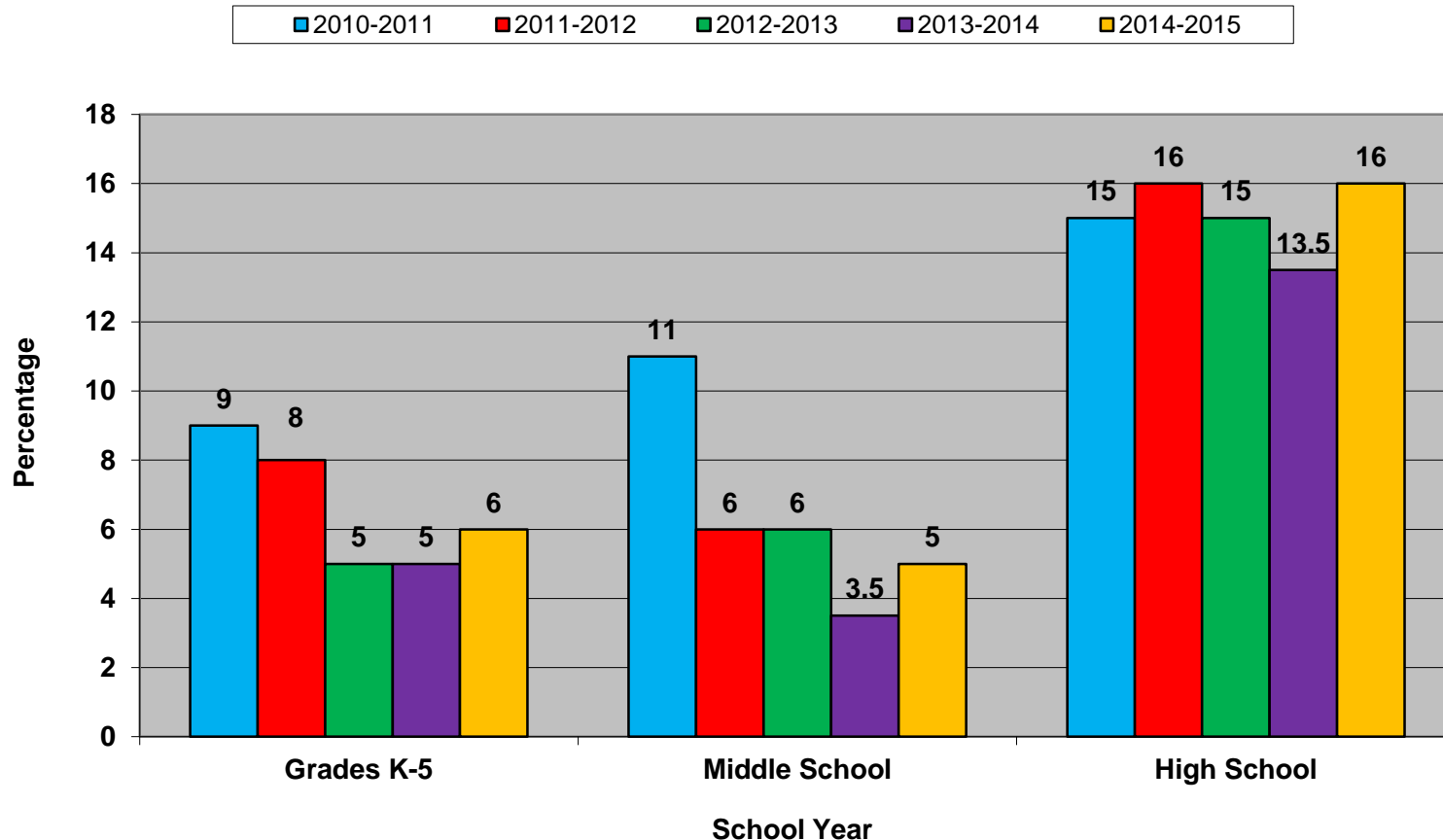
## Total Unexcused Absences at VCMS

2009-2010 2010-2011 2011-2012 2012-2013 2013-2014 2014-2015



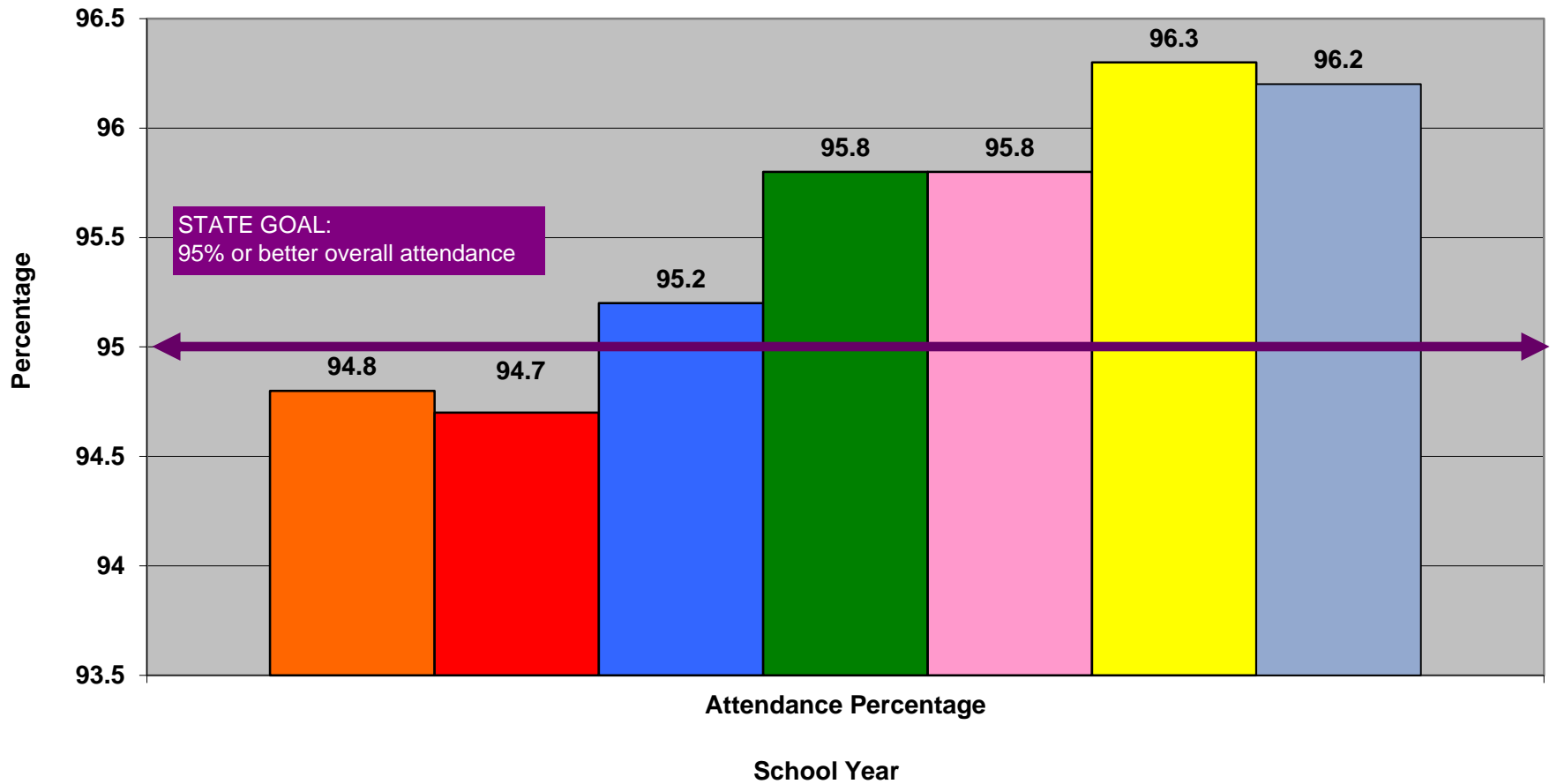
# What evidence do you have that your actions are making a difference?

Percentage and Number of Students with Chronic Absences  
over Time, by Grade Level



## Annual Overall Attendance Percentage at VCMS

2008-2009 2009-2010 2010-2011 2011-2012 2012-2013 2013-2014 2014-2015



# Grade Level by School

# Monthly Attendance

2014-2015 Monthly Attendance														
		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	YTD	
CRS	KH	96.7	96.2	97.6	96.7	97.3	96.4	93.8	97.5	96.5	96.9	97.0	96.7	
	1	99.2	97.2	97.3	96.6	94.8	95.4	96.5	96.7	96.3	97.9	97.8	96.7	
	2	97.1	97.6	97.8	97.5	95.7	97.5	97.7	95.1	96.9	97.4	97.3	97.0	
	3	98.3	97.0	97.5	96.3	95.7	97.1	97.0	96.8	96.8	97.1	96.8	96.8	
	4	95.7	96.6	98.4	96.9	97.7	97.5	96.2	96.1	97.9	98.3	97.4	97.3	
	5	98.9	97.6	97.4	96.5	96.3	97.8	96.3	95.9	96.7	96.5	97.2	96.8	
Total Monthly %			97.6	97.0	97.7	96.7	96.3	97.0	96.2	96.4	96.9	97.3	97.2	96.9
LSS	KH	99.8	97.2	96.2	96.7	97.1	94.9	94.9	94.2	97.0	96.7	98.5	96.2	
	1	100.0	98.5	97.4	95.8	96.5	93.2	95.7	96.3	97.7	98.0	99.6	97.5	
	2	100.0	98.9	97.7	98.4	96.4	96.2	95.9	90.6	97.1	98.7	95.6	96.6	
	3	100.0	96.7	98.3	95.9	95.3	95.2	98.4	95.8	94.6	97.4	98.7	97.2	
	4	100.0	97.0	97.5	96.3	97.8	94.4	97.1	95.7	97.3	96.5	97.7	96.9	
	5	99.3	98.5	98.2	97.1	94.9	92.2	97.0	95.0	97.2	98.3	98.7	97.5	
Total Monthly %			99.9	97.8	97.6	96.7	96.4	94.5	96.6	94.7	96.7	97.6	98.2	97.0
MSS	KH	99.8	94.9	95.9	92.1	92.4	90.1	94.2	91.6	94.0	94.3	97.5	94.2	
	1	99.5	92.6	95.4	91.2	92.3	91.8	91.8	93.3	94.3	94.3	97.5	94.2	
	2	99.7	97.0	97.2	93.3	34.1	93.5	95.5	95.0	96.3	95.4	98.0	96.0	
	3	100.0	97.6	96.3	94.1	93.0	95.2	95.3	94.1	95.6	96.2	96.7	96.0	
	4	99.8	94.2	97.4	94.4	93.6	91.6	94.8	93.8	94.1	96.8	97.9	95.3	
	5	99.9	97.2	96.9	95.9	94.3	96.5	95.2	95.7	96.7	97.0	98.0	96.7	
Total Monthly %			99.8	95.6	96.5	93.5	93.3	93.1	94.4	93.9	95.2	95.6	97.6	95.4
NES	KH	100.0	98.2	97.1	94.2	94.6	94.2	94.2	94.8	97.4	95.8	96.5	95.9	
	1	99.7	96.5	98.1	96.36	94.3	93.0	94.0	93.7	98.3	95.2	97.1	96.2	
	2	99.7	95.4	96.0	97.0	97.1	94.1	95.1	95.9	94.0	95.2	97.2	96.2	
	3	99.9	97.1	96.9	96.6	97.0	95.1	95.2	95.7	94.9	95.7	98.3	96.6	
	4	100.0	96.9	97.5	96.7	94.9	94.7	95.9	95.4	94.6	96.8	97.6	96.6	
	5	99.5	97.8	97.6	96.74	97.5	97.0	96.6	95.6	98.0	97.9	99.3	97.6	
Total Monthly %			99.8	97.0	97.1	96.2	95.9	94.7	95.1	95.2	96.2	96.0	97.6	96.5
SRS	KH	96.5	97.8	96.3	94.6	92.4	92.3	95.3	94.2	94.8	95.4	95.0	95.1	
	1	97.4	97.3	96.9	93.6	93.9	92.7	91.5	92.1	96.8	97.0	96.4	94.9	
	2	96.2	96.6	96.7	92.6	95.9	92.7	95.8	94.8	94.0	94.9	96.4	95.1	
	3	98.5	98.4	96.7	97.1	95.8	94.4	95.4	97.9	96.4	97.2	96.4	96.7	
	4	95.6	97.8	96.1	95.5	96.3	93.5	96.2	95.1	96.1	94.3	91.5	95.4	
	5	95.7	98.0	97.5	96.5	96.3	92.7	95.2	94.4	95.6	95.4	96.6	95.9	
Total Monthly %			96.6	97.7	96.7	95.1	96.2	93.0	94.9	94.7	95.6	95.7	95.4	95.5
VCMS	6	99.0	97.65	97.3	96.4	96.9	96.5	95.6	95.4	96.9	96.9	97.2	96.7	
	7	98.9	96.0	97.1	94.8	95.3	96.0	95.7	96.1	95.2	95.5	94.6	95.7	
	8	98.7	96.9	97.1	96.3	94.5	95.9	95.4	95.4	96.7	96.5	95.4	96.1	
Total Monthly %			98.9	96.9	97.2	95.8	95.6	96.1	95.6	95.6	96.3	96.3	95.7	96.2
RHS	9	98.6	93.8	92.4	91.8	91.9	91.2	89.3	90.4	92.0	92.0	92.3	91.9	
	10	99.6	95.8	96.2	93.8	92.9	93.6	91.9	93.1	94.5	93.5	95.2	94.5	
	11	99.5	95.9	95.7	94.2	93.6	93.9	93.0	92.7	94.3	93.6	94.9	94.4	
	12	99.4	94.7	94.6	92.6	92.7	93.4	89.9	91.3	91.7	89.2	93.6	92.8	
Total Monthly %			99.3	94.9	94.5	93.0	92.7	92.9	90.8	91.8	93.0	92.0	93.9	93.3
District Monthly %			98.8	96.7	96.7	95.3	95.2	94.5	94.8	94.6	95.7	95.8	96.5	95.8

# 2015-2016 Grade level by school

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CRS	K	99.7	97.4	96.9	96.3	96.4
	1	99.5	97.1	97.4	96.1	95.1
	2	99.3	98.2	97.5	96.9	96.8
	3	99.9	98.1	97.4	97.7	96.2
	4	99.7	97.9	97.6	97.3	97.9
	5	99.8	97.0	97.5	96.4	98.2
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LSS	K	98.7	98.8	98.2	95.3	99.2
	1	99.7	97.3	98.9	97.3	96.4
	2	99.6	97.9	97.8	97.5	96.4
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MSS	K	98.5	95.8	97.1	94.5	96.1
	1	99.6	97.5	95.5	96.9	97.1
	2	99.4	95.1	95.8	94.3	93.8
	3	99.0	97.5	96.5	94.5	96.8
	4	99.5	97.7	96.6	96.6	95.8
	5	99.5	96.4	95.4	96.9	96.8
Total Monthly %		99.3	98.7	96.2	95.6	96.1

NES	K	99.4	97.7	96.7	96.9	97.2
	1	99.6	97.5	97.6	96.71	95.6
	2	99.9	98.0	97.2	95.4	95.1
	3	99.7	97.4	97.1	95.8	97.3
	4	99.6	96.4	96.1	95.19	96.0
	5	99.9	96.5	97.6	97.15	95.7
Total Monthly %		99.7	97.3	97.0	96.2	96.2

SRS	K	97.2	96.1	97.2	96.0	95.6
	1	98.9	97.4	95.5	93.6	94.0
	2	99.2	93.9	97.7	96.2	96.6
	3	99.0	93.3	92.8	96.4	95.1
	4	99.9	95.7	96.6	97.1	97.0
	5	99.3	94.4	96.9	96.3	96.6
Total Monthly %		99.0	95.2	96.2	96.5	95.8

VCMS	6	98.2	97.07	97.0	96.0	96.8
	7	99.6	96.8	96.8	96.3	95.7
	8	99.8	94.4	95.8	94.8	94.5
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