Charter School Renewals and Amendment Request
Propel Hazelwood & Hill House Passport Academy

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Causes for Non-Renewal:

1. One or more material violations of any of the conditions, standards, or procedures contained in the written charter signed pursuant to section 1720-A

2. Failure to meet the requirements for student performance set forth in 22 Pa.Code Ch. 5 (relating to curriculum) or subsequent regulations promulgated to replace 22 Pa. Code Ch. 5 or failure to meet any performance standard set forth in the written charter signed pursuant to section 1716-A*

3. Failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management or audit requirements

4. Violation of provisions of this article (the Charter School Law)

5. Violation of any provision of law from which the charter school has not been exempted, including Federal laws and regulations governing children with disabilities

6. The charter has been convicted of fraud.

*Ch. 5 of the PA Code has been repealed and replaced by Ch. 4 (relating to Academic Standards and Assessment).

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Review Process

- Annual site visits over term of charter

- Renewal visit – up to entire school day

- Review team meeting to discuss findings in terms of criteria

- Findings presented to the Board on June 12, 2019.

- Board votes on June 19, 2019.

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Propel Charter School - Hazelwood

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Propel- Hazelwood Review Team

Lisa Augustin	Director of Charter Schools
Steven Connell (Cherie Moshier)	Facilities Plan and Code Reviewer/Designer
Amber Dean	Program Officer, PSE
Eileen Gorry	Parent Reviewer
Patty Lee	K-5 Math Coordinator
Jerome McCray	Budget Analyst
Jamilla Rice	Social Studies Content Supervisor
John Vater	Principal, Brookline K-8
Naomi York	K-5 ELA Coordinator

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Propel Hazelwood Demographics

2017-2018 School Fast Facts	
Grades	K-8
Enrollment	297
African American (AA)	81.1%
Hispanic	4.7%
White	4.0%
Multi-Racial	7.1%
Economically Disadvantaged (ED)	86.9%
English Language Learner	0.0%
Special Education	12.1%

Source: PDE Future Ready PA Index

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Propel Hazelwood Demographics

Enrollment by Exceptionality	
Autism	2
Emotional Disturbance	7
Intellectual Disability	1
Other Health Impairment	4
Specific Learning Disability	15
Speech or Language Impairment	8
Total	37

Source: PDE

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Propel Hazelwood School Performance Profile

School Performance Profile Score	
2014	N/A
2015	N/A
2016	44
2017	65.6
2018	55.1

Source: PDE

- 0% of required gap closure met in Math and Science for ALL and Historically Underperforming (HU) students

- 75.21% of required gap closure met in ELA for ALL students

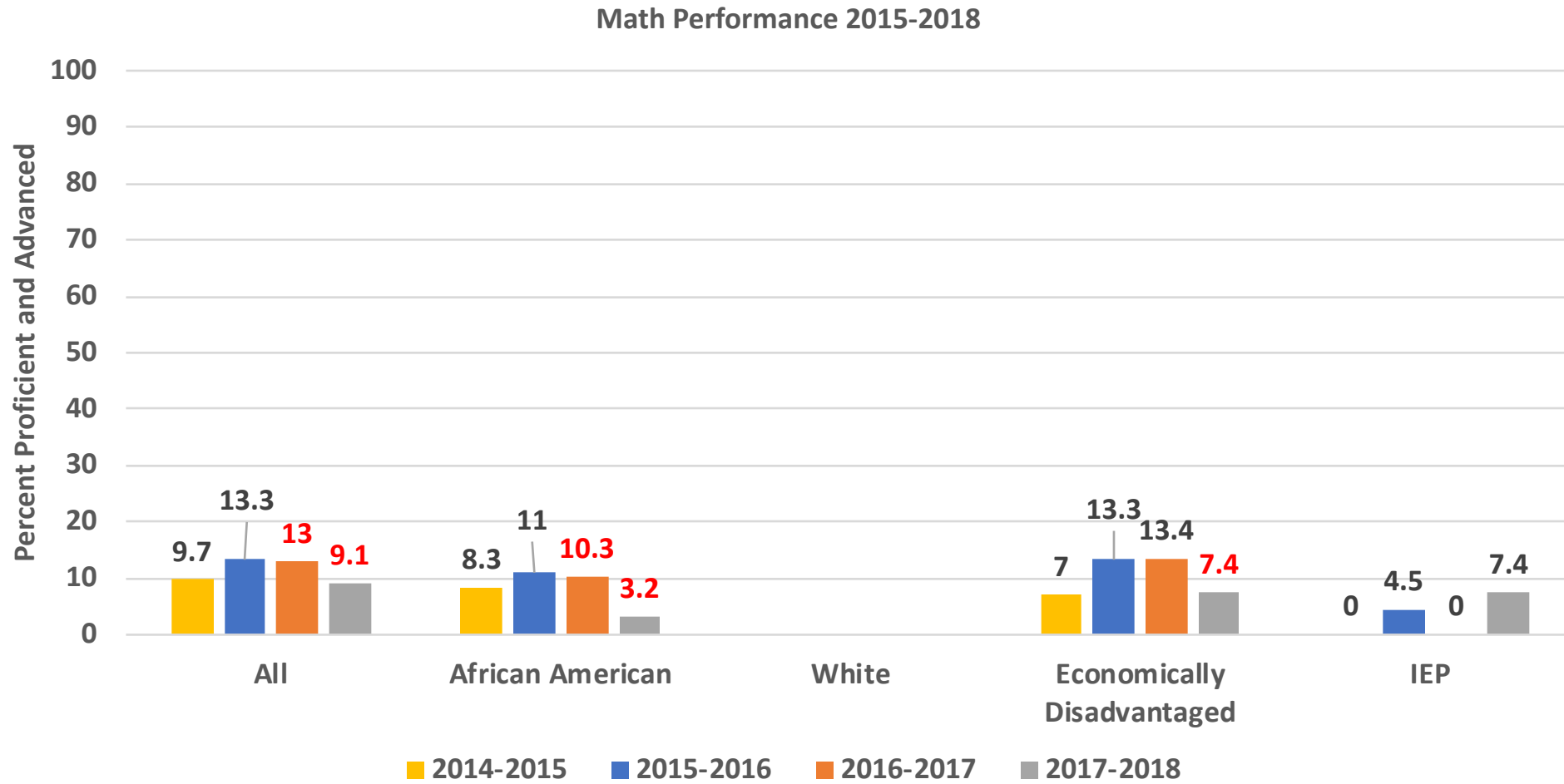- 77.43% of required gap closure met in ELA for HU students

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Propel – Hazelwood Performance - ELA
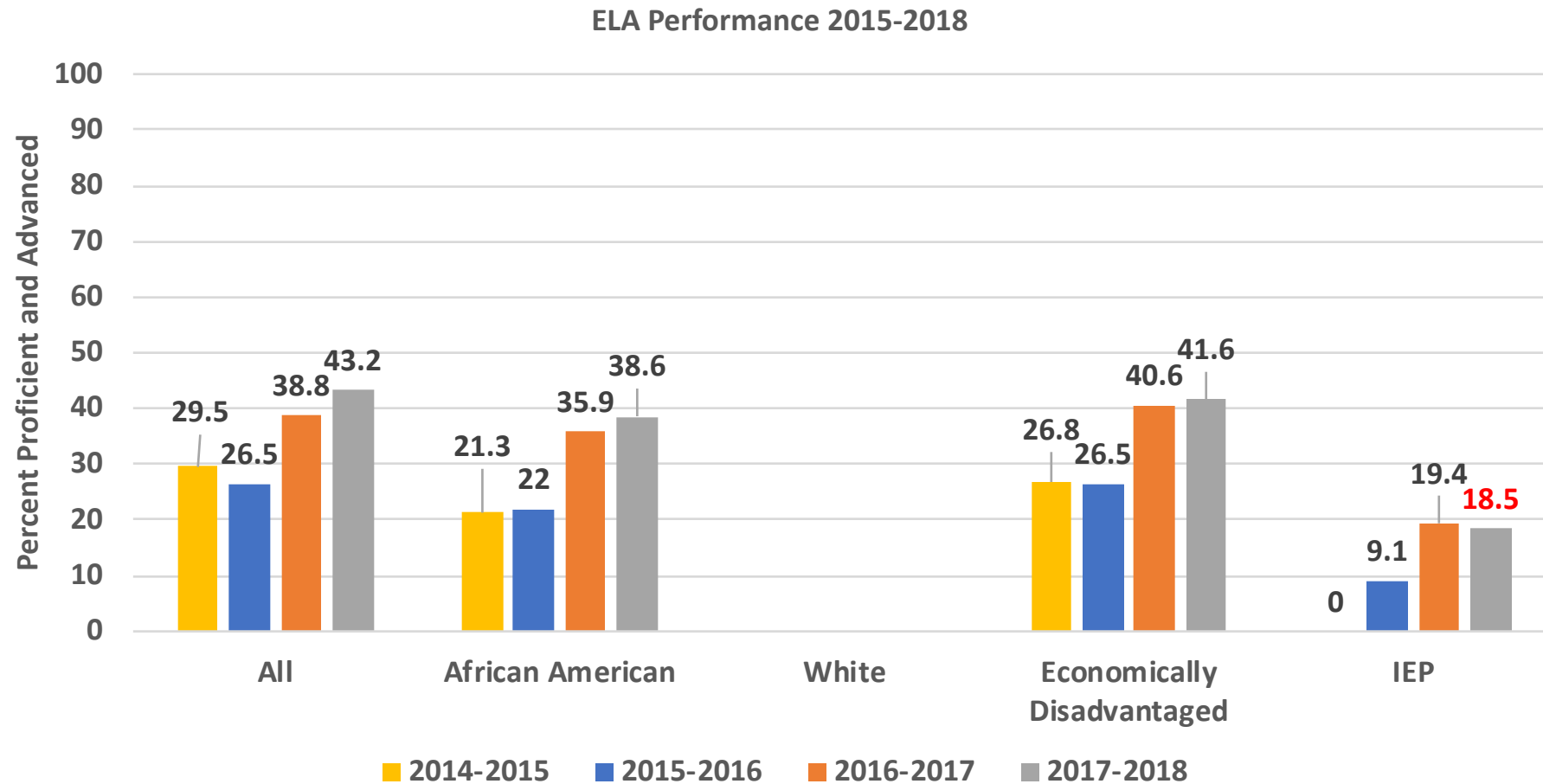
ELA Performance 2015-2018

Source: PDE

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Propel – Hazelwood Performance - Math

Math Performance 2015-2018

Source: PDE

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Propel – Hazelwood Performance - Science

Science Performance 2015-2018
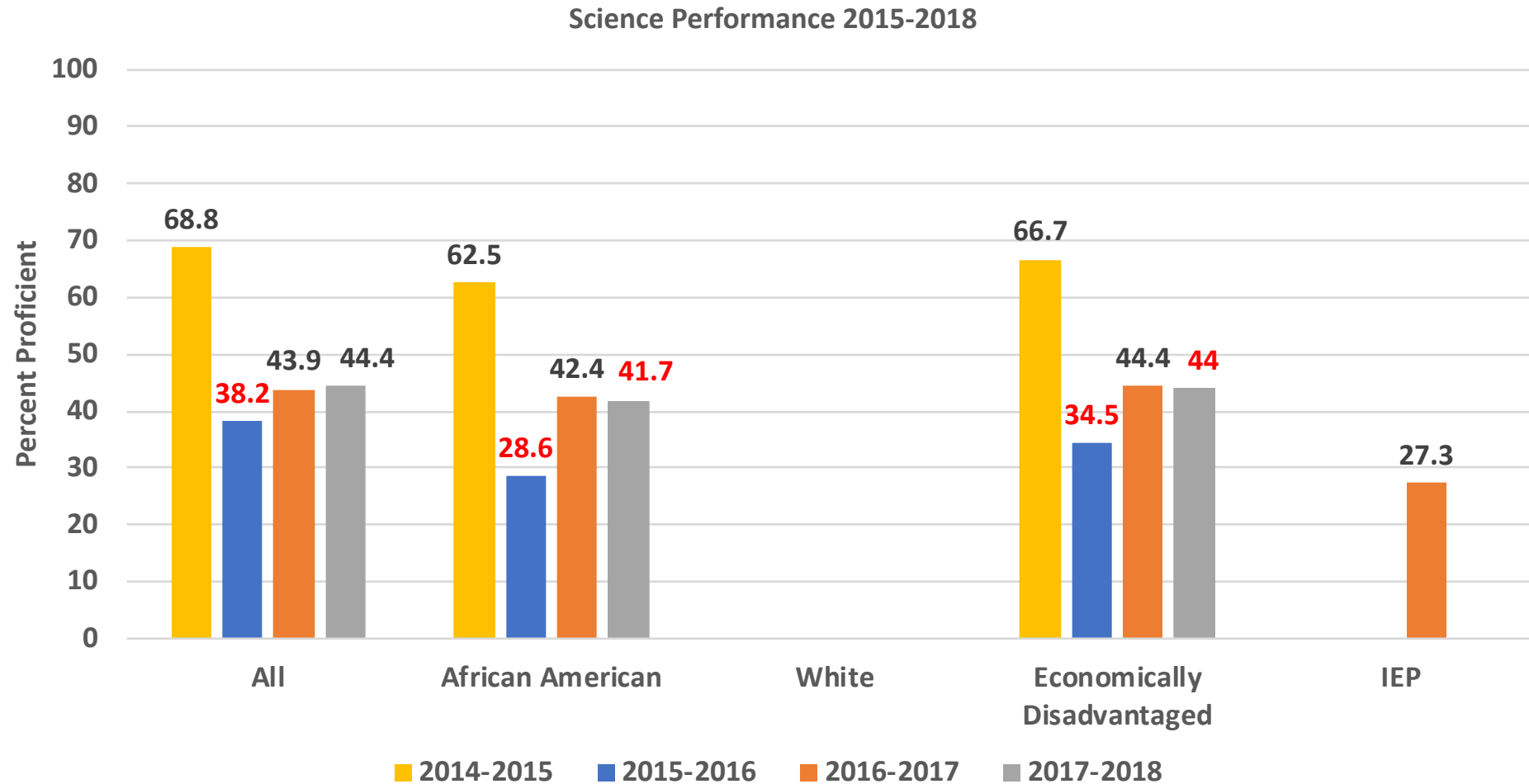
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Propel Hazelwood Findings

1. No material violations of any of the conditions, standards, or procedures contained in the written charter signed pursuant to section 1720-A

2. Has not met requirements for student performance in all areas:
   - Low achievement and declines in math proficiency over the past three years for all subgroups with data
   - Declines in science proficiency for African American and Economically Disadvantaged students
   - Declines in ELA proficiency for students with an IEP

3. Meets generally accepted standards of fiscal management and audit requirements

4. No violations of provisions of this article (the Charter School Law)

5. No violation of any provision of law from which the charter school has not been exempted, including Federal laws and regulations governing children with disabilities

6. The charter school has not been convicted of fraud.

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Hill House Passport Academy Charter School

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HHPACS Review Team

Lisa Augustin	Director of Charter Schools
Scott Breeden	9-12 Math Coordinator
Steven Connell (Cherie Moshier)	Facilities Plan and Code Reviewer/Designer
Dr. Shemeca Crenshaw	Principal, Pittsburgh Online Academy
Amber Dean	Program Officer, PSE
Ann Fillmore	9-12 ELA Coordinator
Cynthia Kepner	Parent Reviewer
Jerome McCray	Budget Analyst
Jamilla Rice	Social Studies Content Supervisor

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HHPACS Demographics

2017-2018 School Fast Facts	
Grades	9-12
Enrollment	136
African American (AA)	95.6%
Hispanic	0.0%
White	3.7%
Multi-Racial	0.0%
Economically Disadvantaged (ED)	51.5%
English Language Learner	0.0%
Special Education	19.9%

Source: PDE Future Ready PA Index

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HHPACS Demographics

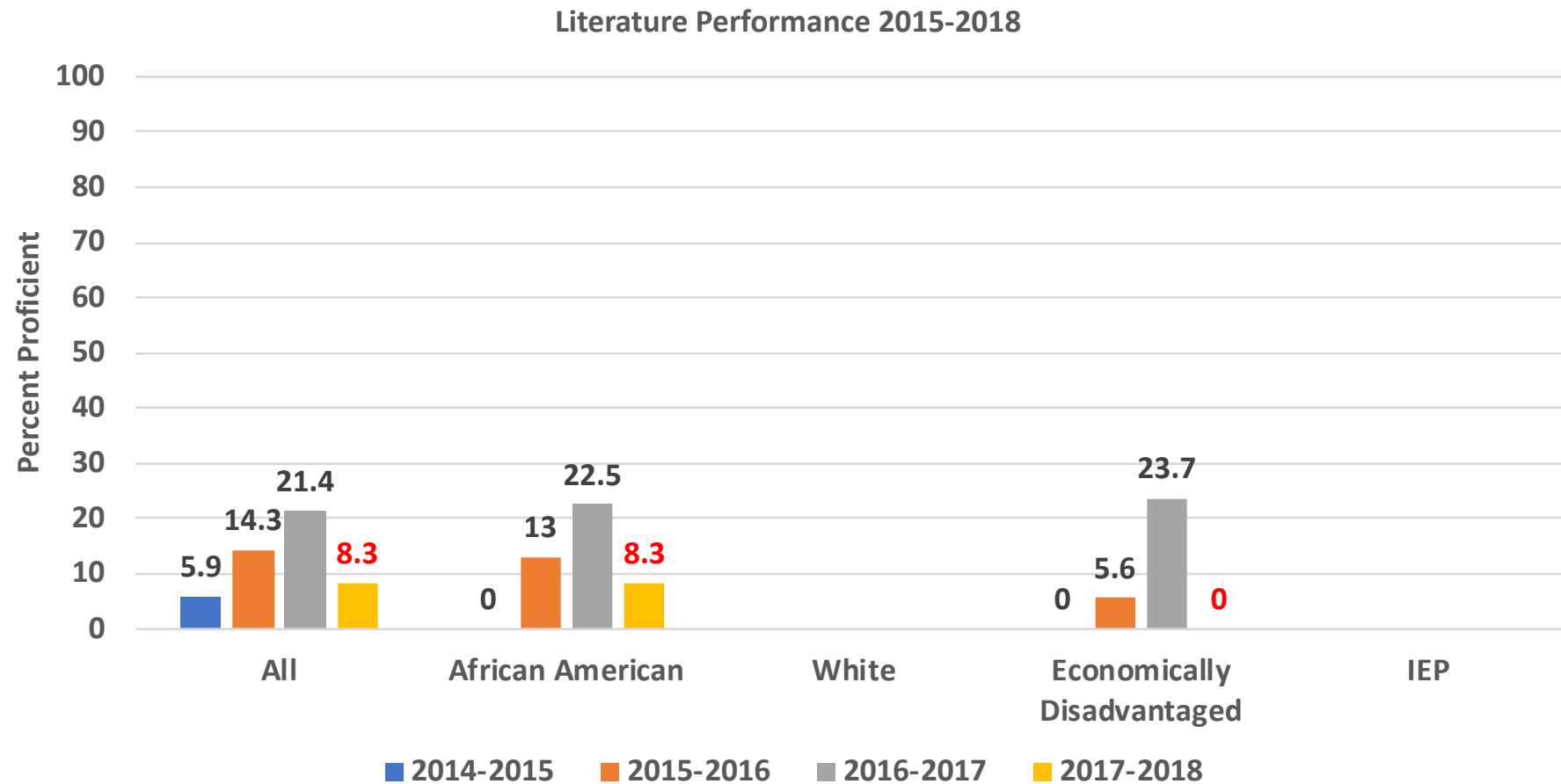| Enrollment by Exceptionality	
Autism	0
Emotional Disturbance	7
Intellectual Disability	2
Other Health Impairment	1
Specific Learning Disability	17
Speech or Language Impairment	0
Total	27

Source: PDE

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HHPACS – School Performance Profile

School Performance Profile Score	
2014	N/A
2015	N/A
2016	36.8
2017	34.7
2018	29.6

Source: PDE

- 0% of Required Gap Closure met in Algebra for ALL students

- 30% of Required Gap Closure met in Algebra for HU students

- 14.29% of Required Gap Closure met in Biology for ALL students

- 37.50% of Required Gap Closure met in Biology for HU students

- 17.50% of Required Gap Closure met in Literature for ALL students

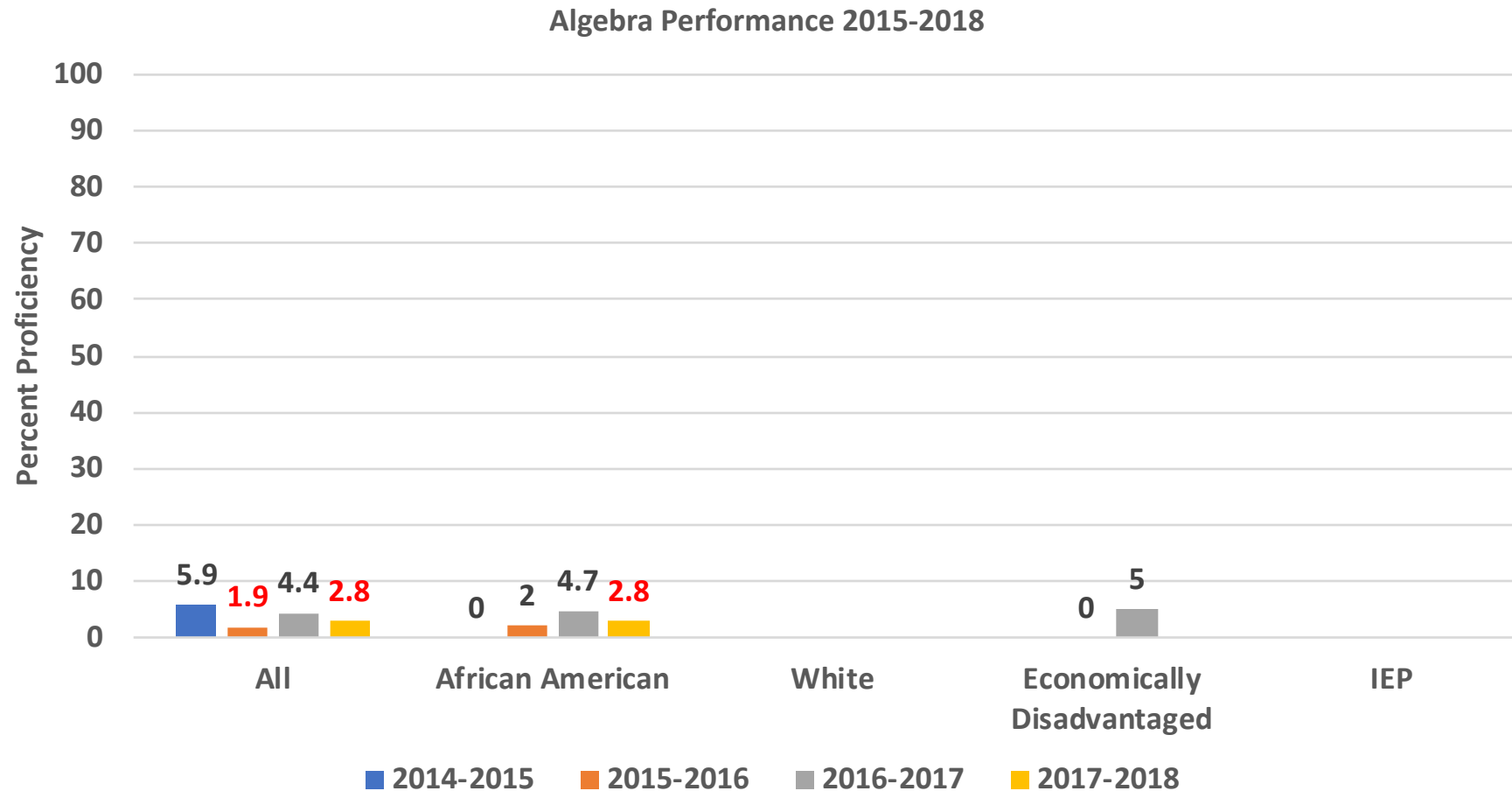- 3.16% of Required Gap Closure met in Literature for HU students

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HHPACS Performance - Literature

Literature Performance 2015-2018

HHPACS Performance - Biology

Biology Performance 2015-2018
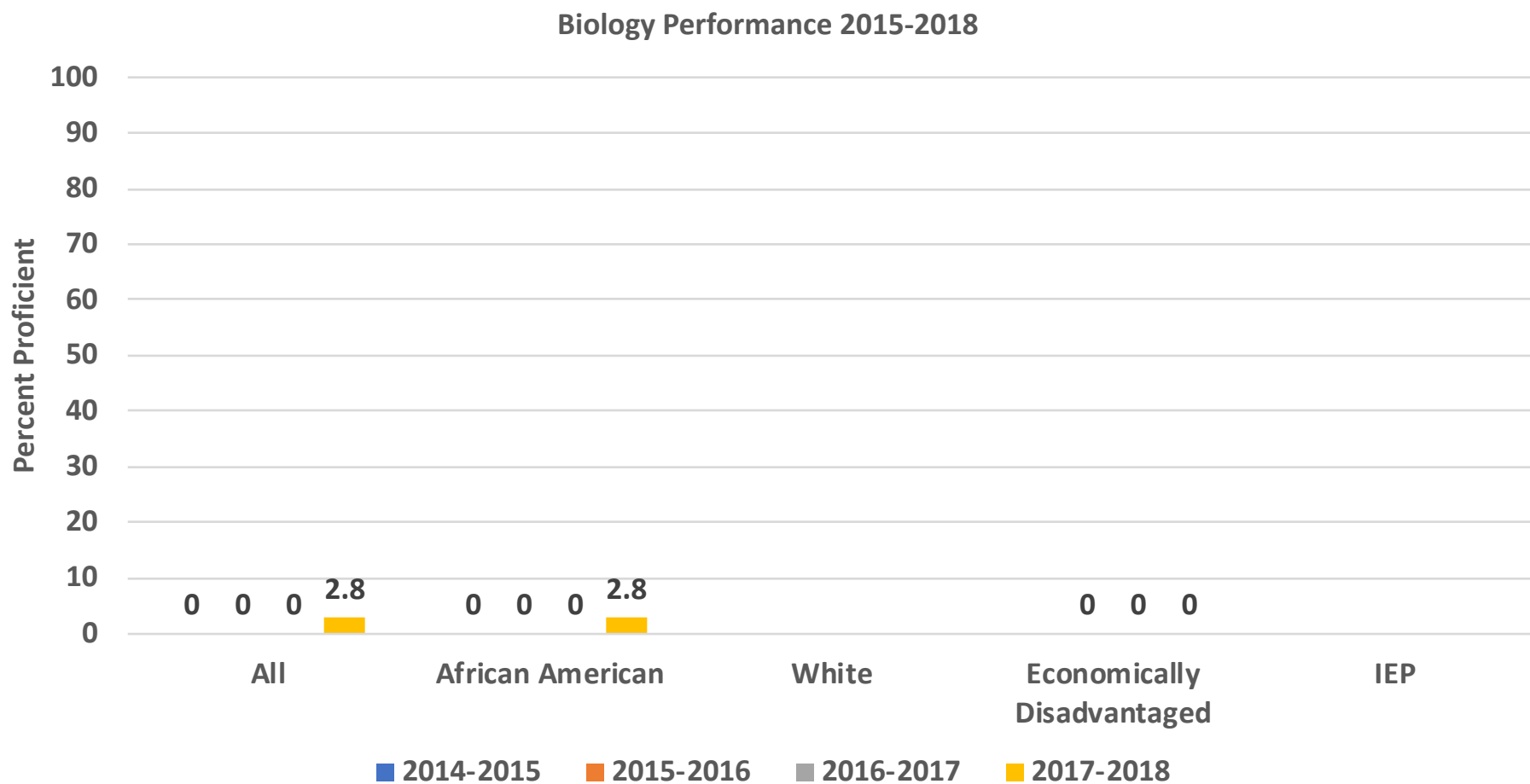
Source: PDE

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HHPACS Graduation Rate

	4 Year Graduation Measure				
	All Students	AA	White	ED	IEP
2015	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2016	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2017	53.29%	53.19	57.14	39.13	50.00

Source: PDE

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HHPACS Graduates & Dropouts

Number of Graduates and Dropouts 2016-2018										
	Graduates					Dropouts				
	All Students	AA	White	ED	IEP	All Students	AA	White	ED	IEP
2016	81	76	5	25	14	77	69	3	22	18
2017	99	92	5	15	20	10	9	1	0	3
2018	83	79	3	33	22	84	76	6	37	16

Source: LEA Profile and ACS

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HHPACS Dropout Reason(s)

- 2015-2016:   77 students - Disliked school; 1 student – Academic problems

- 2016-2017:   10 students – Disliked school

- 2017-2018:   14 students – Disliked school; 70 students – other reason

Source: LEA Profile and ACS

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HHPACS Post Secondary Transition

2018 Post Secondary Transition	
Post Secondary Education	22.2%
Enlisted Military	8.6%
Entered PA Workforce	74.1%

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HHPACS Findings

1. One or more violations of any of the conditions, standards, or procedures contained in the written charter signed pursuant to section 1720-A
   - Enrollment of students under the statutory age 17
   - Not adhering to agreement reached between the charter school and the District
     - Signed affidavit submitted with enrollment of any student under 17 years of age

2. Failure to meet the requirements for student performance set forth in 22 Pa. Code Ch. 5 (relating to curriculum) or subsequent regulations promulgated to replace 22 Pa. Code Ch. 5 failure to meet any performance standard set forth in the written charter signed pursuant to section 1716-A
   - Significantly low and declining proficiency rates across all three content areas
   - Declining School Performance Profile score
   - Curriculum not aligned to PA Core Standards

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HHPACS Findings

3. Failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management or audit requirements
   - 100% Debt to Asset ratio – more debts than assets
   - Negative operating cash flow, -$83,617

4. No violation of provisions of this article (the Charter School Law)

5. No violation of any provision of law from which the charter school has not been exempted, including Federal laws and regulations governing children with disabilities

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Renewal Term and Agreement

- 1-year renewal does not apply to the School District of Pittsburgh.
- If renewed for a 5-year term, charter agreement will include goals and stipulations for improvements.
- Charter must meet goals and stipulations for subsequent renewals.

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HHPACS Amendment Requests

- Relocation: from 510 Heldman Street to 933 Penn Avenue
- Name change: from Hill House Passport Academy Charter School to Passport Academy Charter School

  - Both requests due to dissolution of the Hill House Association
  - Current lease not renewable
  - 2nd and 3rd floors of 933 Penn Ave, across from Urban Pathways 6-12 and next to Urban Pathways K-5
  - Site inspection performed by the District – sufficient with minor recommendations
  - Lease available prior to Board vote
  - School no longer affiliated with the Hill House Association

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