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Dr. Nikolai P. Vitti, Superintendent,
Detroit Public Schools Community District

Feds: 12 Detroit principals stole \$1M in kickback scheme

Tresa Baldas, Kat Stafford, Kathleen Gray and Ann Zaniwski , Detroit Free Press
Published 10:49 a.m. ET March 29, 2016 | Updated 4:36 p.m. ET March 31, 2016

Crumbling, Destitute Schools Threaten Detroit Recovery

The New York Times

Detroit teacher sick -out Closes 94 schools

Lori Higgins and Keith Matheny , Detroit Free Press
Published 6:01 a.m. ET May 2, 2016 | Updated 2:41 p.m. ET May 2, 2016

DPS debt payments mount to unsustainable levels

Chad Livengood Detroit News Lansing Bureau
Updated Jan. 4, 2016, 12:14 p.m. ET

Snyder signs \$617M DPS bailout

Jonathan Oosting and Shawn D. Lewis
Published 3:39 p.m. ET June 21, 2016
Updated 5:53 p.m. ET June 21, 2016

Detroit Public Schools will be completely broke by June. Here's how things got to this point.

By Tara Golshan | Updated May 2, 2016, 11:57am EDT



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Conditions for Urban School Reform





Strong governance paired with strong leadership is the foundation for lasting progress in public education.



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Partnership Matters

Effective Superintendent

Manages the day-to-day operations of the District and makes decisions that move the District in the right direction

Strong Governance by School Board

Serves as the governing body of the District and provides public education services to children residing within the geographic boundaries of the City of Detroit. The Board is a policy-making and legislative body, rather than an administrative body. It is the responsibility of the Board to see that schools are operated properly, and not to administer them directly.



Current & Past DPSCD School Board Members

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The Future We Want

All students will have the knowledge, skills and confidence necessary to thrive in our city, our nation, our world.

MISSION

The Work We Do

We educate and empower every student, in every community, every day, to build a stronger Detroit.

Students First

Excellence

Integrity

Equity

Service

Tenacity



Transformative
Culture



Outstanding
Achievement



Whole Child
Commitment



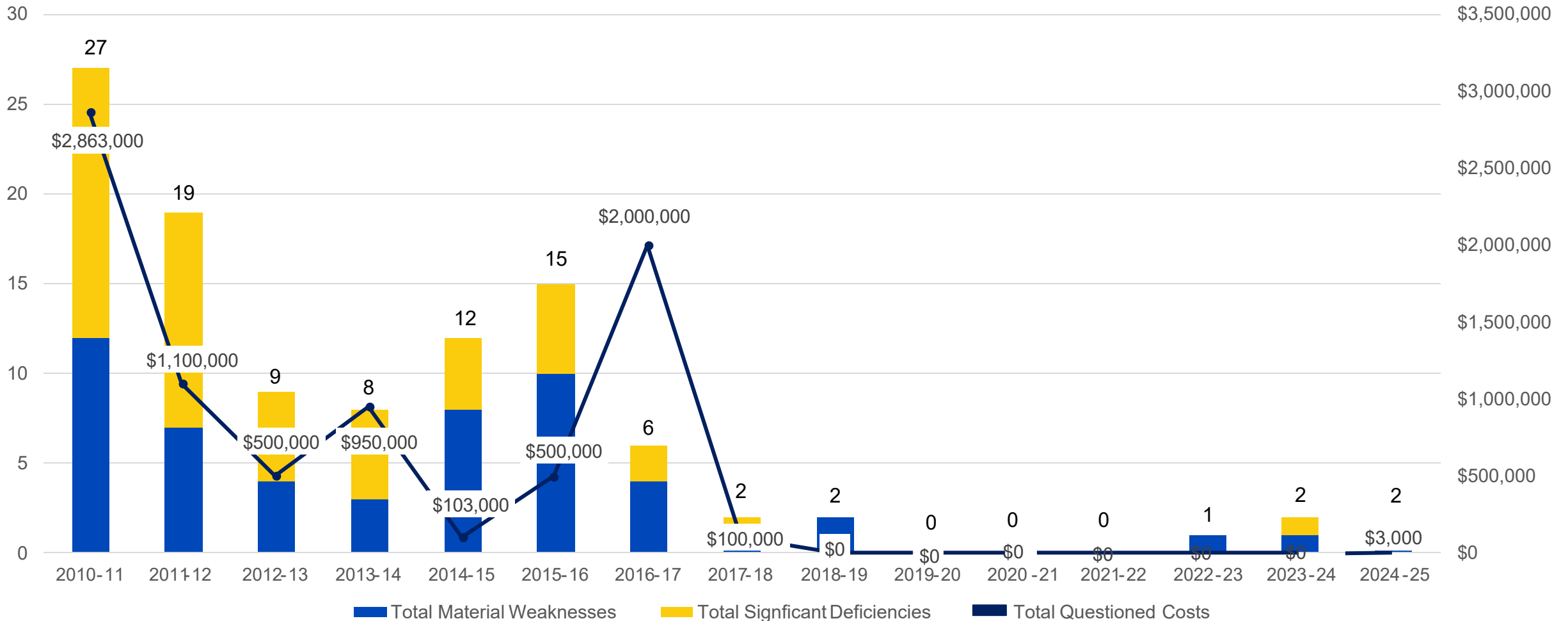
Exceptional
Talent



Responsible
Stewardship

DPS/DPSCD Financial Audit Results

In FY 25 DPSCD had 2 audit findings and \$1,215n questioned costs.

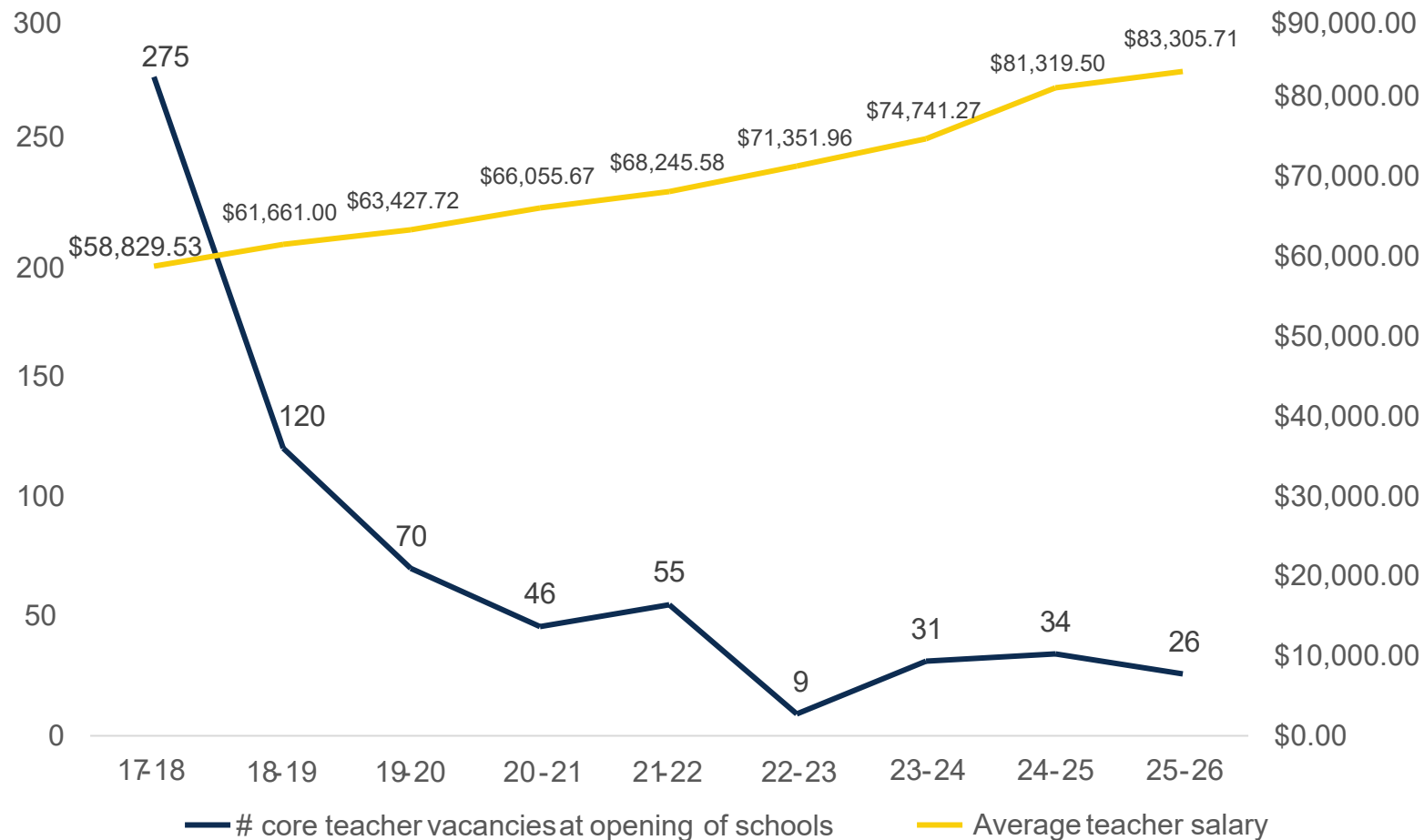


From No Facility Plan to Groundbreaking New School Buildings



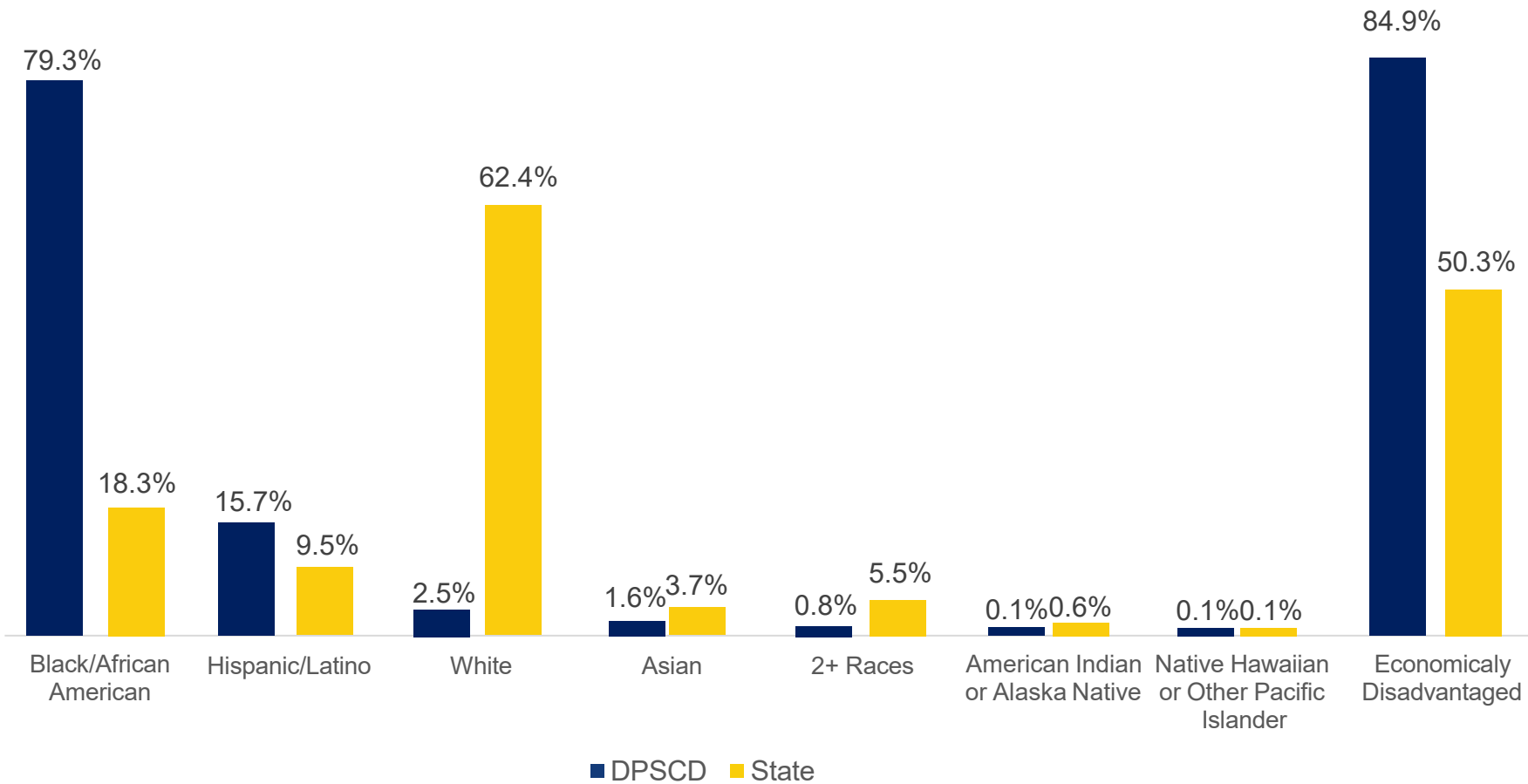
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Since 2017, Avg. Teacher Salary has Increased, while Teacher Vacancies have Decreased



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DPSCD's Demographic Makeup Varies Greatly From the State of Michigan

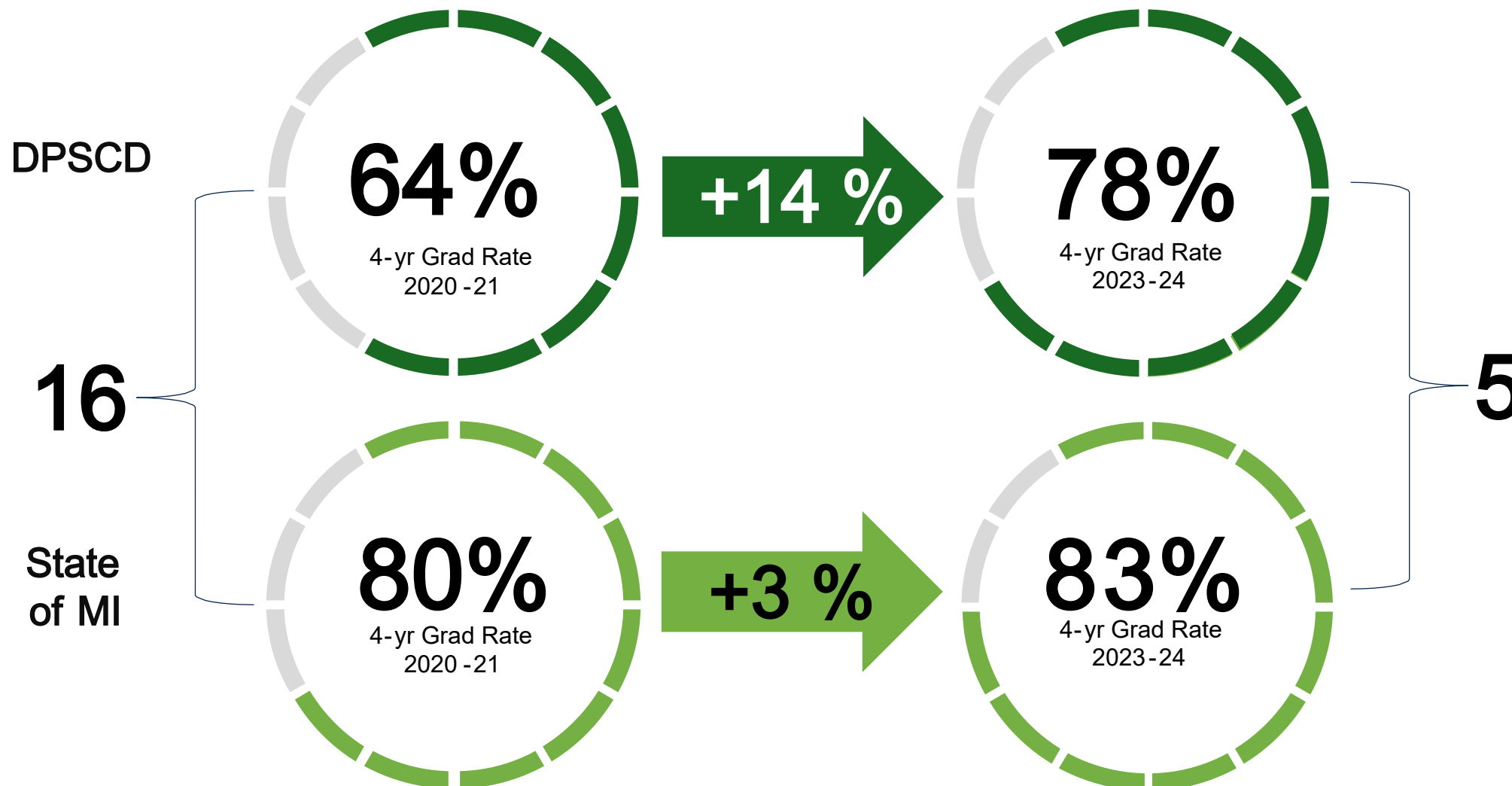


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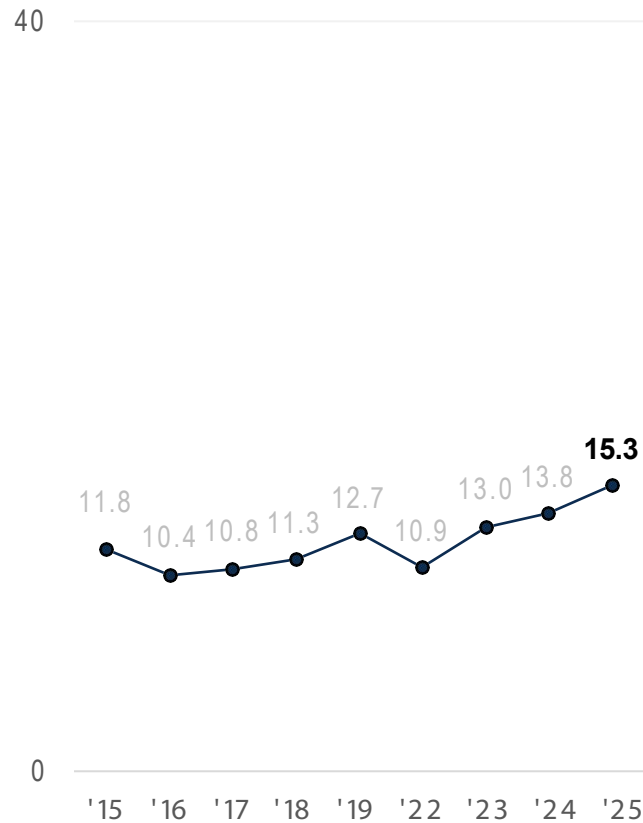
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Improvements in 4-Year Graduation Rates are Outpacing the State

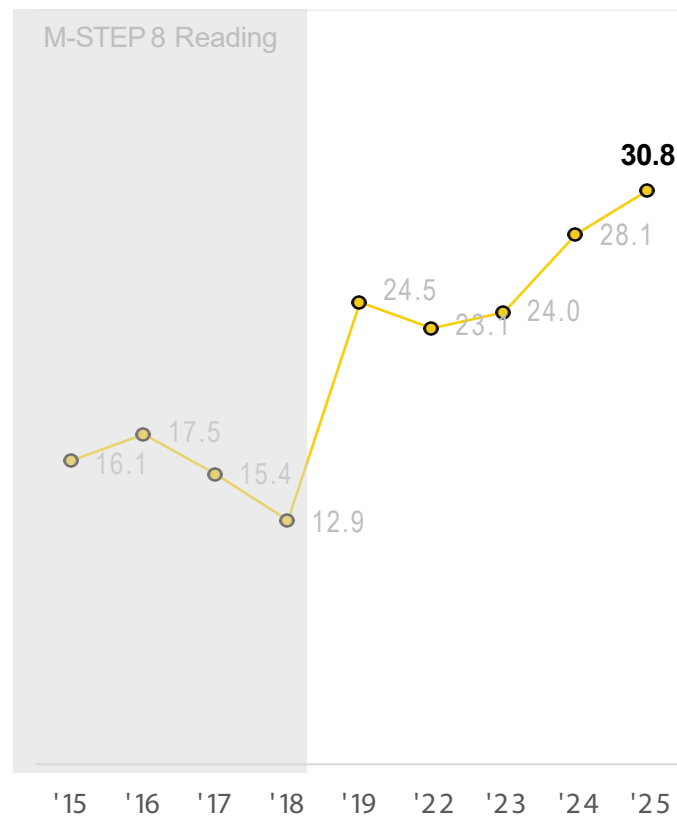


Historical Performance on ELA State Assessments

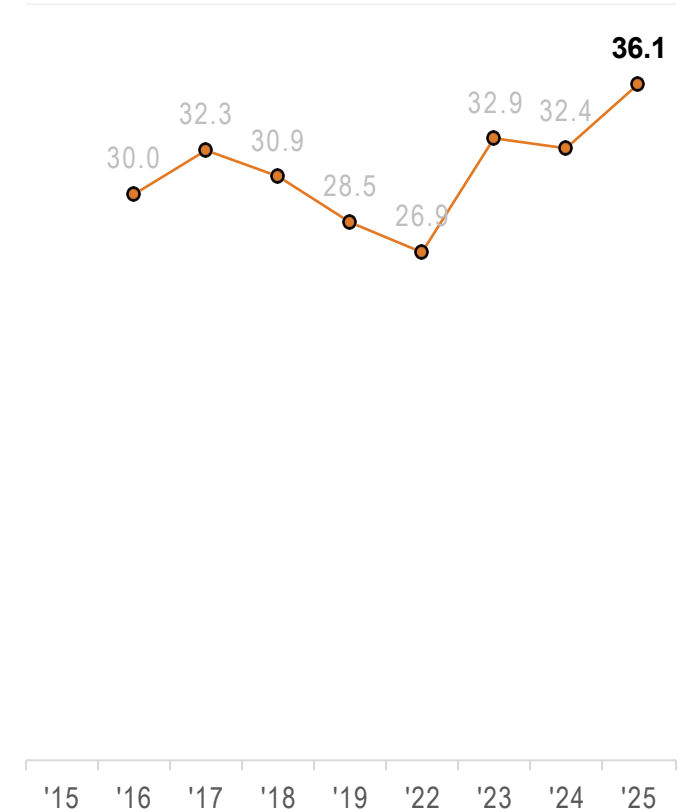
M-STEP3-7 Reading



PSAT8* EBRW

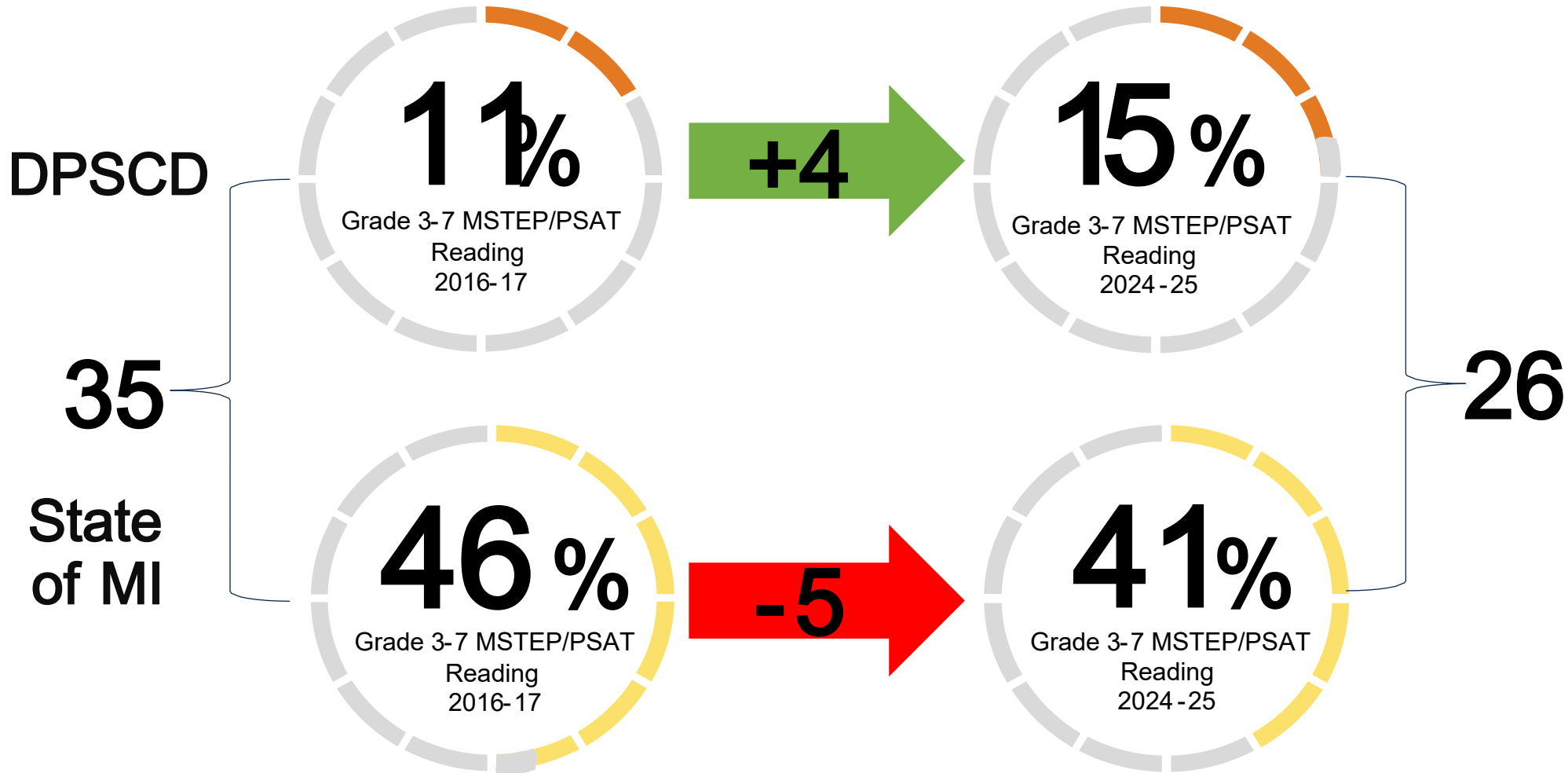


SATEBRW



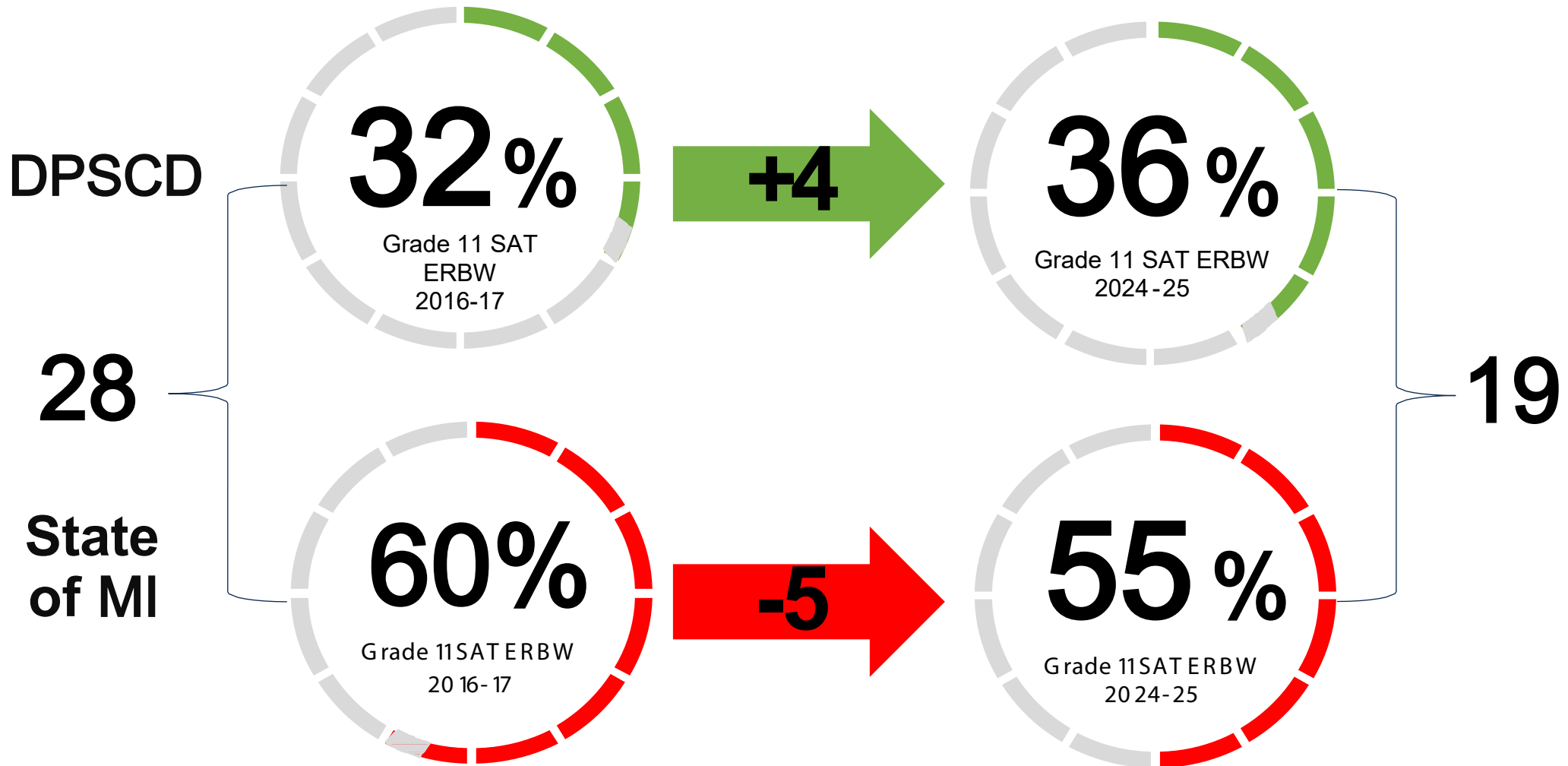
*In 2019, the PSAT8 replaced M-STEP in 8th grade. Years 2015 -2017 include DPS and EAA test performance.
Note: State assessments were cancelled in the 2020SY and made optional in the 2021SY.

DPSCD is Narrowing the Gap Between the State in Grades 3-7 ELA

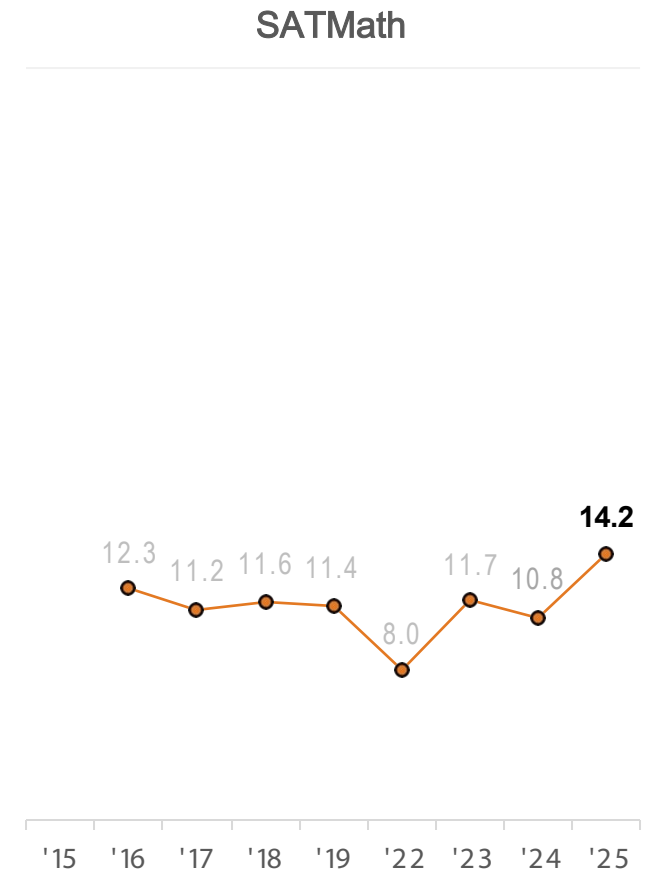
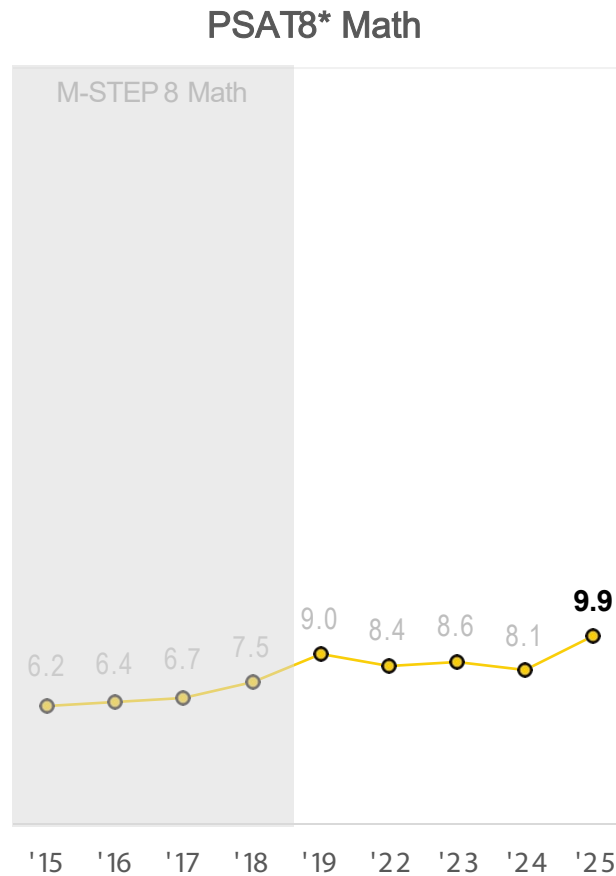
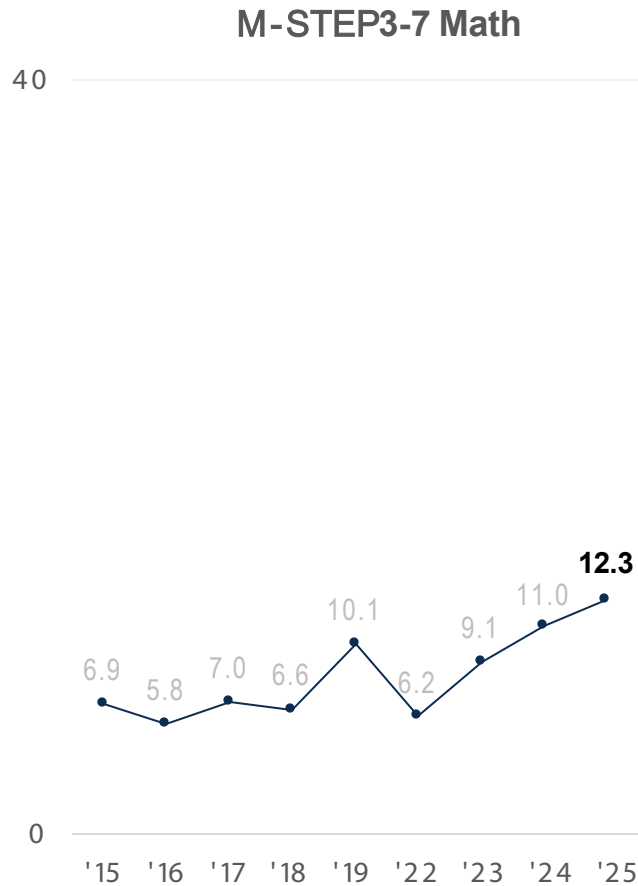


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This Trend Continues in Grade 11 SAT ERBW

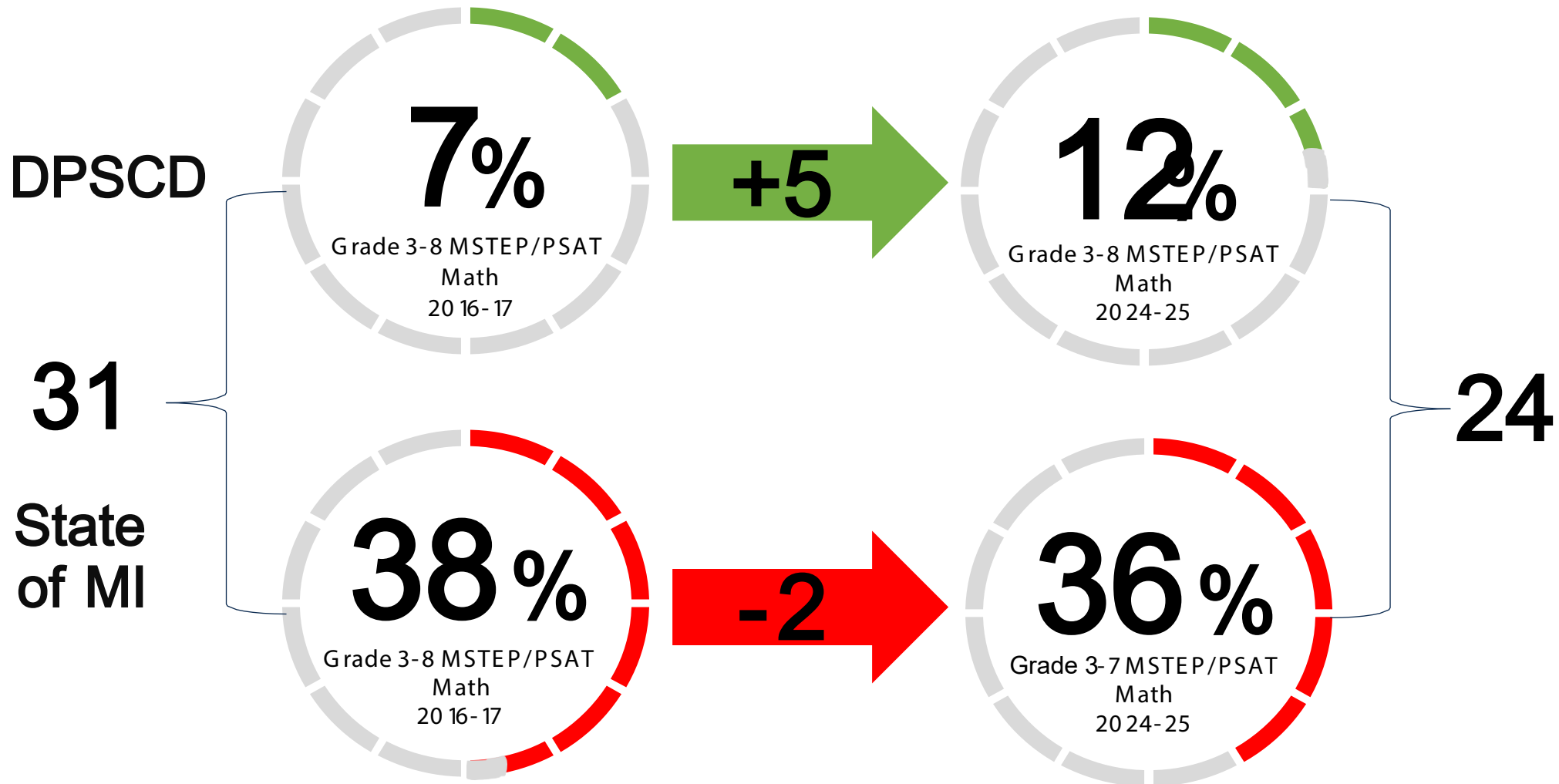


Historical Performance on Math State Assessments



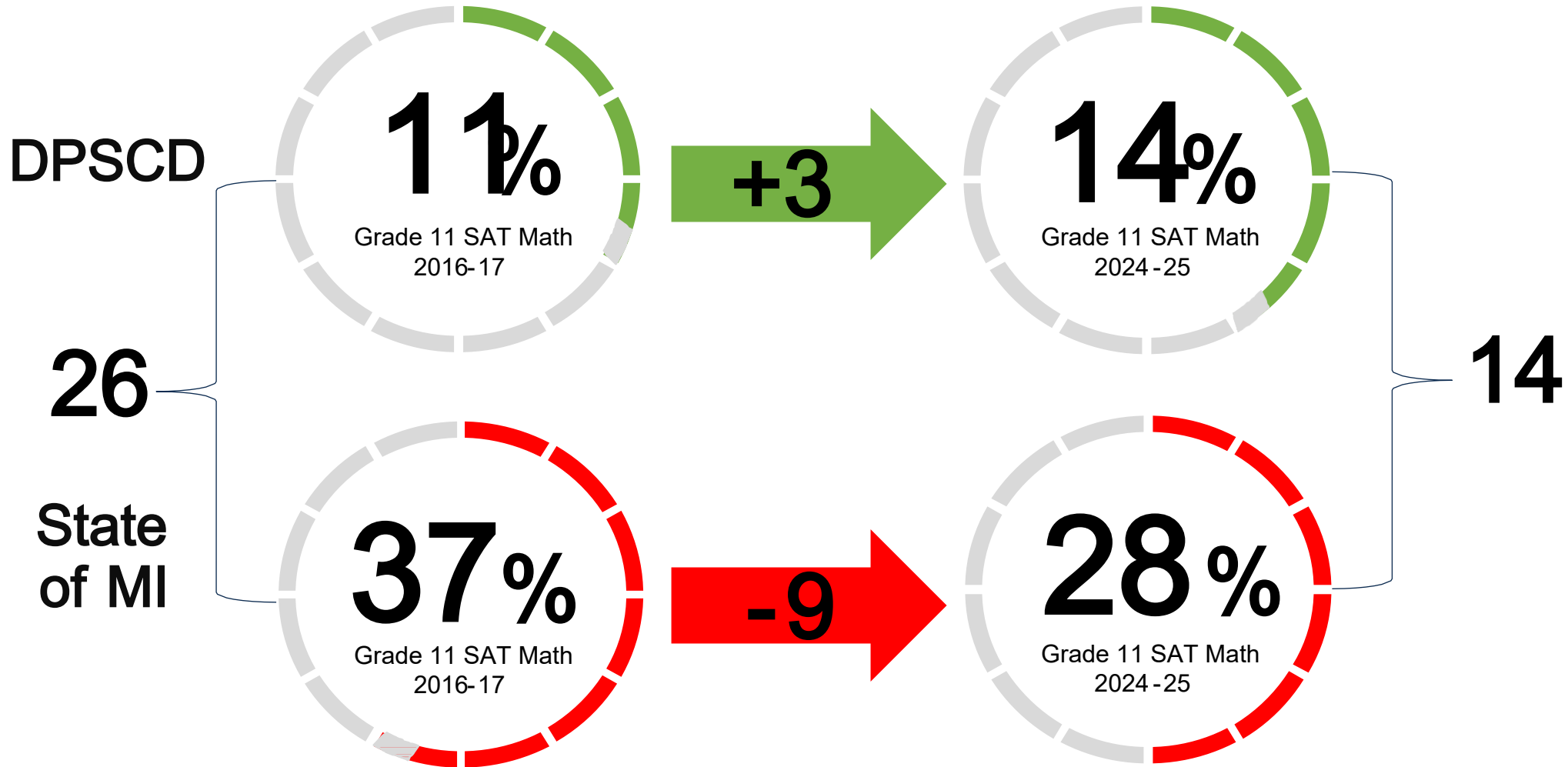
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In Grades 3-7 Math, DPSCD is also Narrowing the Gap Between the State



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This Trend Continues in Grade 11 SAT Math





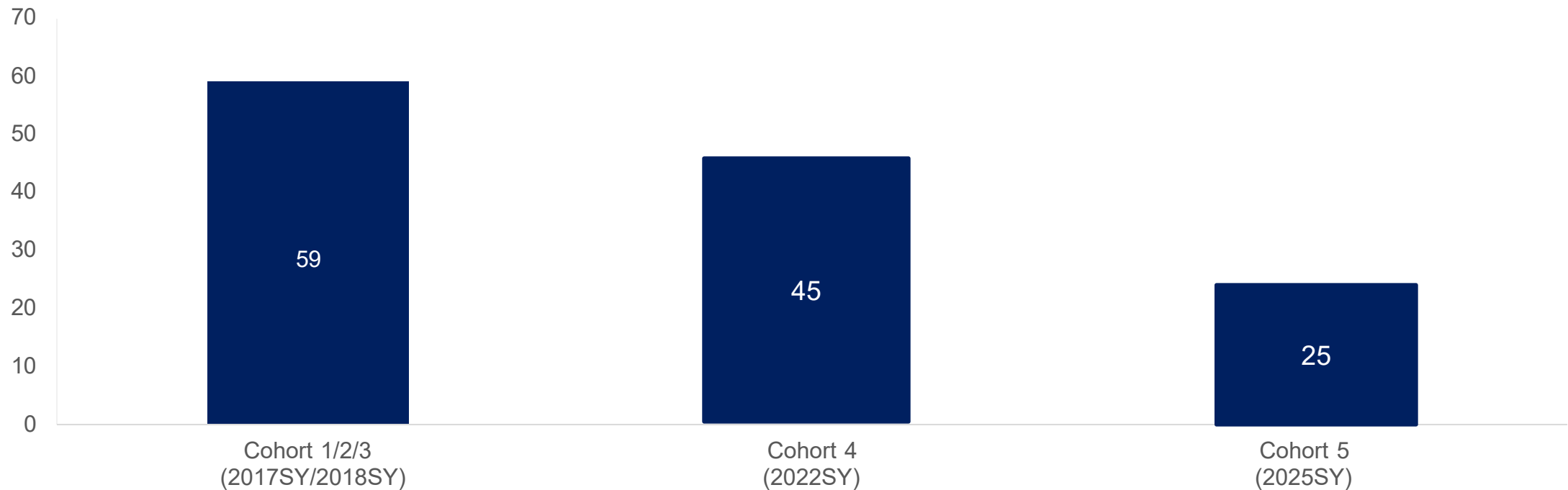
Our measurable progress led to the lifting of nearly twenty years of federal and state oversight by the U.S. Department of Education and the Michigan Department of Education



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Comprehensive Support & Improvement ("CSI") Identified Schools

Since the 2017SY, the District has been able to significantly reduce the number of schools identified by the state as "CSI".



Most Recent Schools No Longer Identified as CSI

Ann Arbor Trail Magnet
School

Blackwell Institute

Bunche Preparatory
Academy

Burns Elementary -Middle
School

Carver STEM Academy

Central High School

Cooke STEM Academy

Davis Aerospace Technical
High School at Golightly

Frederick Douglass
Academy for Young Men

Garvey Academy

Henderson Academy

J.E. Clark Preparatory
Academy

Mackenzie Elementary -
Middle School

Martin Luther King Jr.
Senior High School

Marquette Elementary -Middle
School

Noble Elementary School

Nolan Elementary -Middle
School

Palmer Park Preparatory
Academy

Pulaski Elementary -Middle
School

Priest Elementary -Middle
School

Wayne Elementary School

The Work Moving Forward



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Blueprint 2027 Goals

Goal 1: Improve Attendance



Goal 3: Graduate
Future -Ready Students



Goal 2: Push to Higher
Levels of Proficiency



Goal 4: Assure Sustainability
and Continued Progress



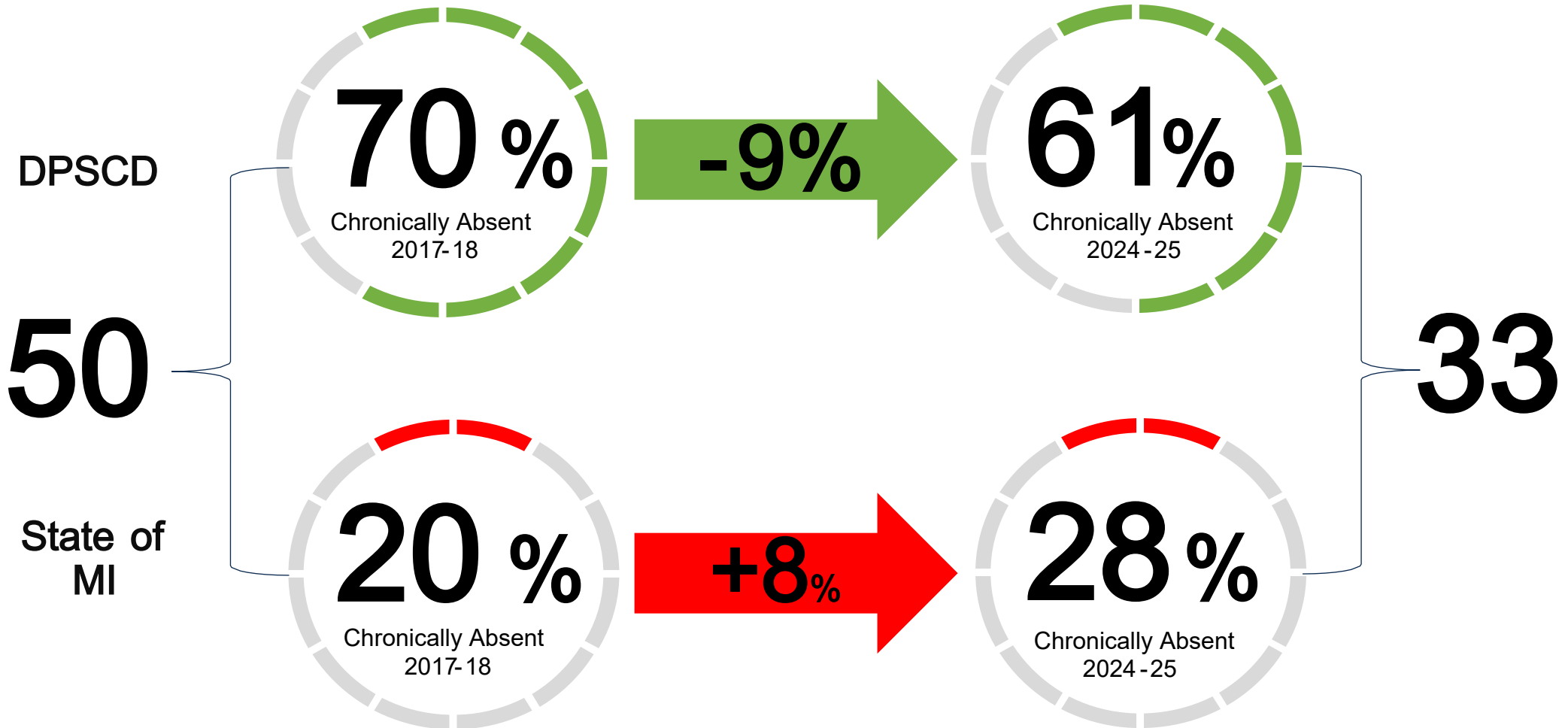
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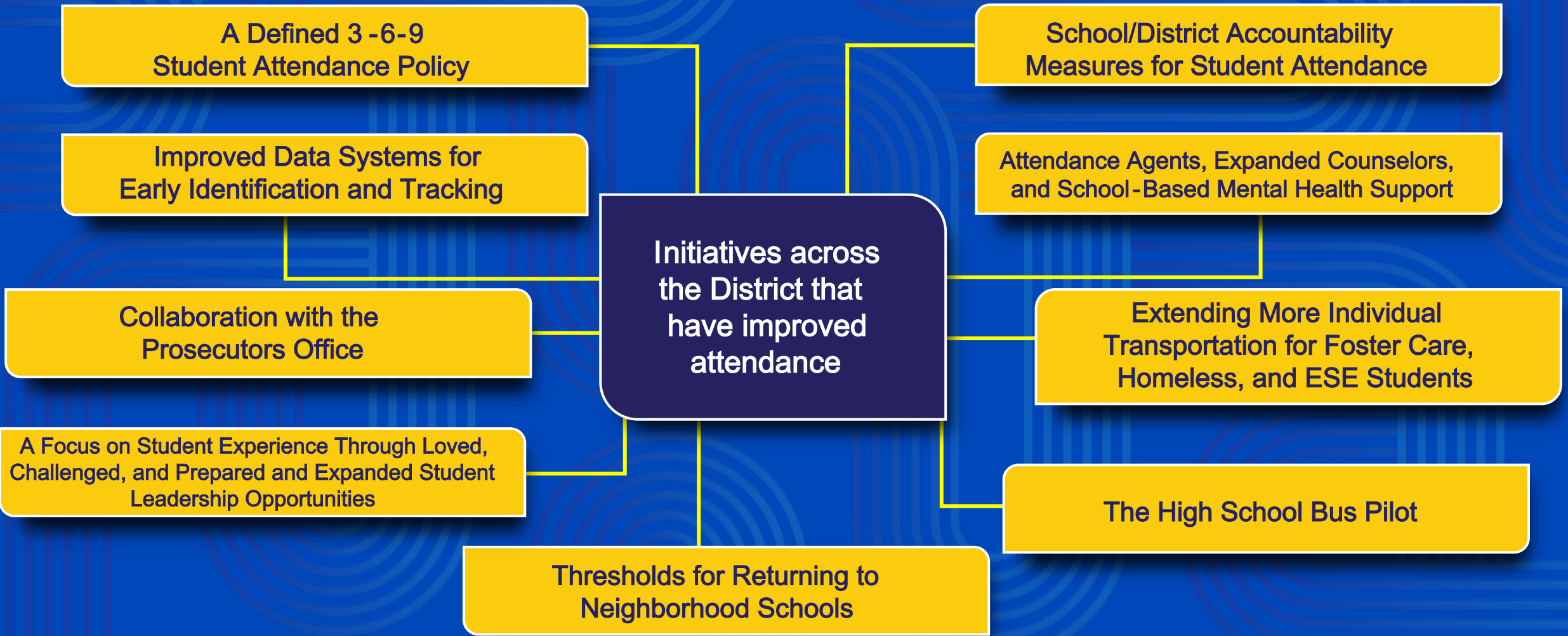
Goal 1:
Improve Attendance



Chronic Absenteeism Continues to Improve



Improving Attendance Through Focused Initiatives



Goal 1: Improve Attendance



Improving Attendance Through the DPSCD Health Hubs



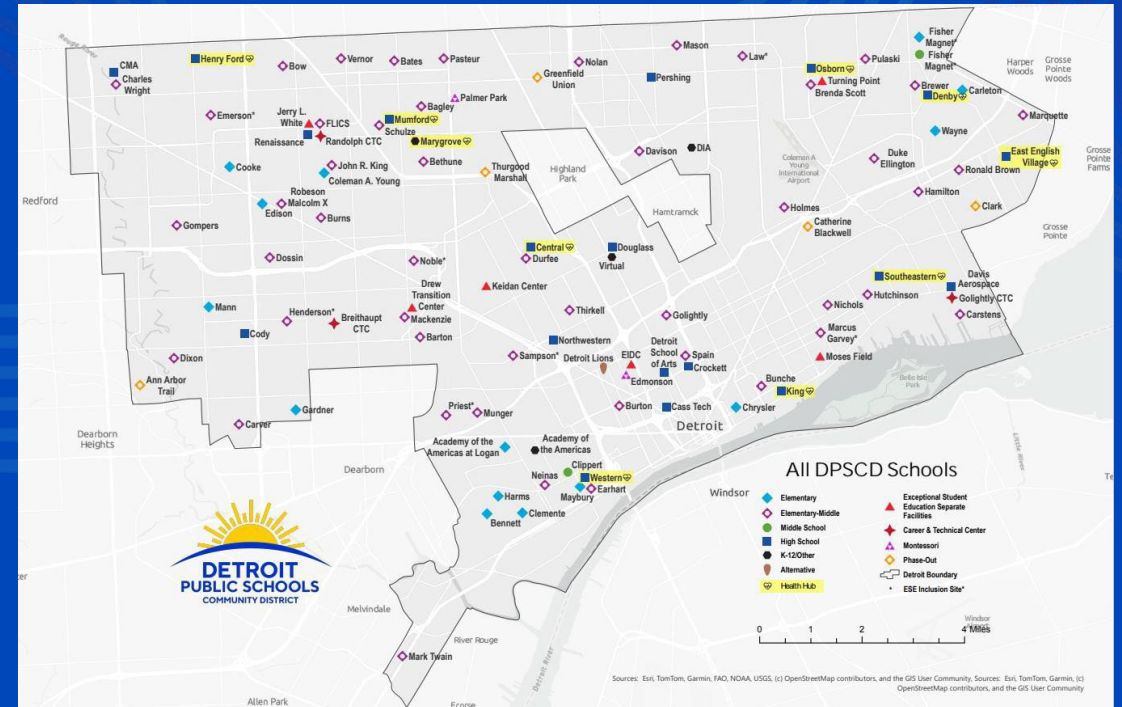
97%
Of families would recommend
Health Hubs to others

70,000 +
Individuals served

94%
Of visitors heard about Health
Hubs from their school

12,948
Families served

70,000 +
Items distributed



Goal 2: Push to Higher Levels of Proficiency



Accelerate Gains & Close Gaps

GRADES 3-8

| Change from 2021 -22 to 2024 -25 | ELA | MATH | SOCIAL STUDIES* | SCIENCE |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|---------|
| DPSCD | +5.0 | +5.5 | +11.6 | +6.5 |
| DPSCD (Exam and Application Schools Only) | +10.7 | +11.4 | +19.6 | +11.2 |
| DETROIT CHARTERS | +3.3 | +2.3 | +9.8 | +4.7 |
| STATE | +0.9 | +1.2 | +17.4 | +3.4 |

GRADE 11

| Change from 2021 -22 to 2024 -25 | ELA | MATH | SOCIAL STUDIES* | SCIENCE |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|---------|
| DPSCD | +9.2 | +6.2 | +14.6 | +1.0 |
| DPSCD (Exam and Application Schools Only) | +15.6 | +10.4 | +17.6 | +0.9 |
| DETROIT CHARTERS | +6.3 | +1.9 | +5.4 | +0.5 |
| STATE | +3.8 | -2.5 | +6.2 | -3.1 |

*M-STEP Social Studies Assessment was realigned in 2025 with revised content standards and new cut scores were determined.



We are redesigning the high school experience for DPSCD students



College & career aligned experiences



Advising & Navigation



Rigor & Readiness



Schedule Structure

Honors

A diploma where students take honors & advanced classes throughout high school and makes them competitive to apply to 4-year college programs and scholarships

Dual Degree

A diploma where students take classes at both their high school and at a community college and graduate with both a high school diploma and an Associate's degree which is equivalent to two years of college

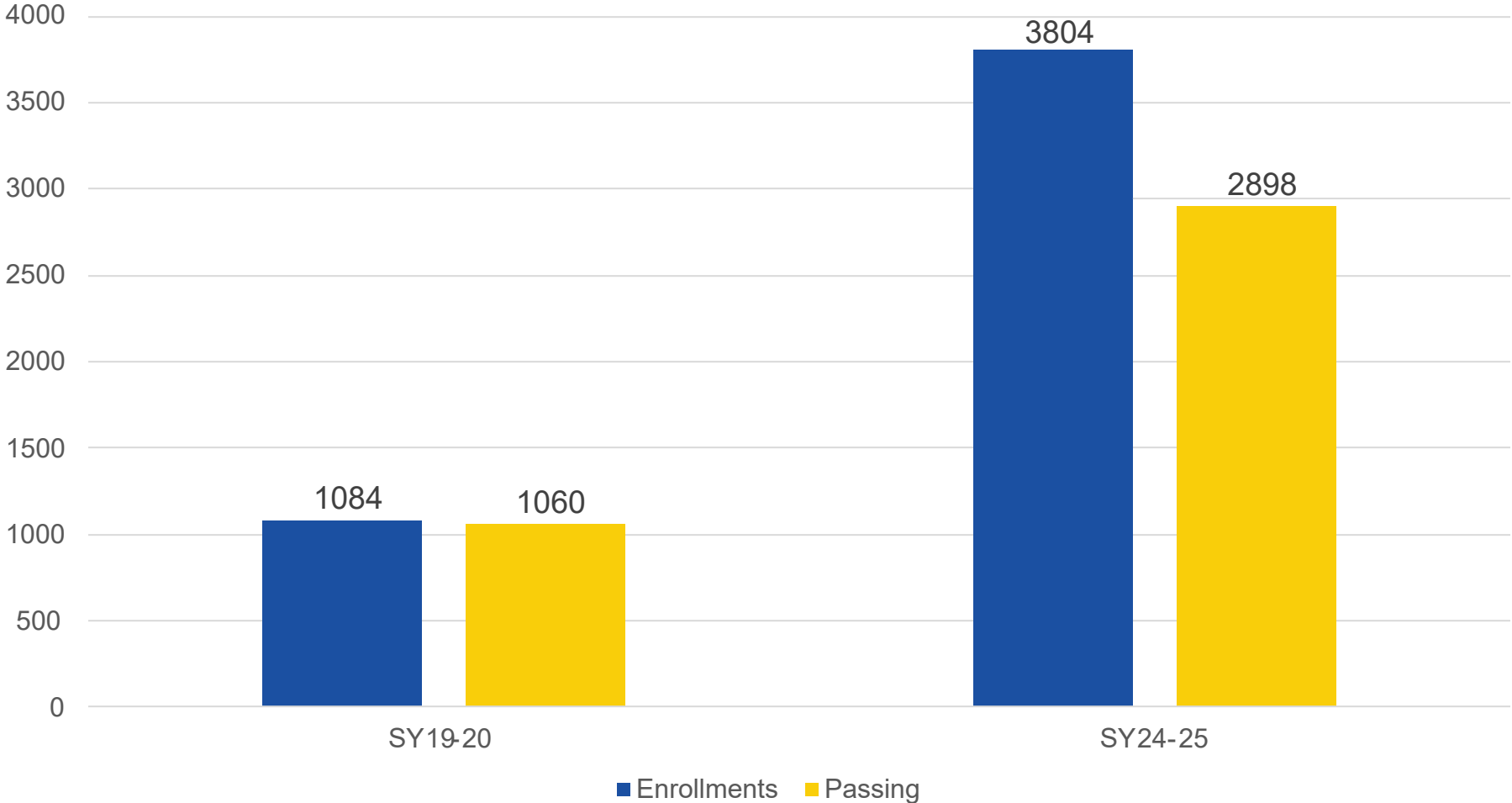
Career-Ready

A diploma where students take classes at both their high school and at a university, community college, or a Career & Technical Center and graduate with a career certification that will be useful for a job

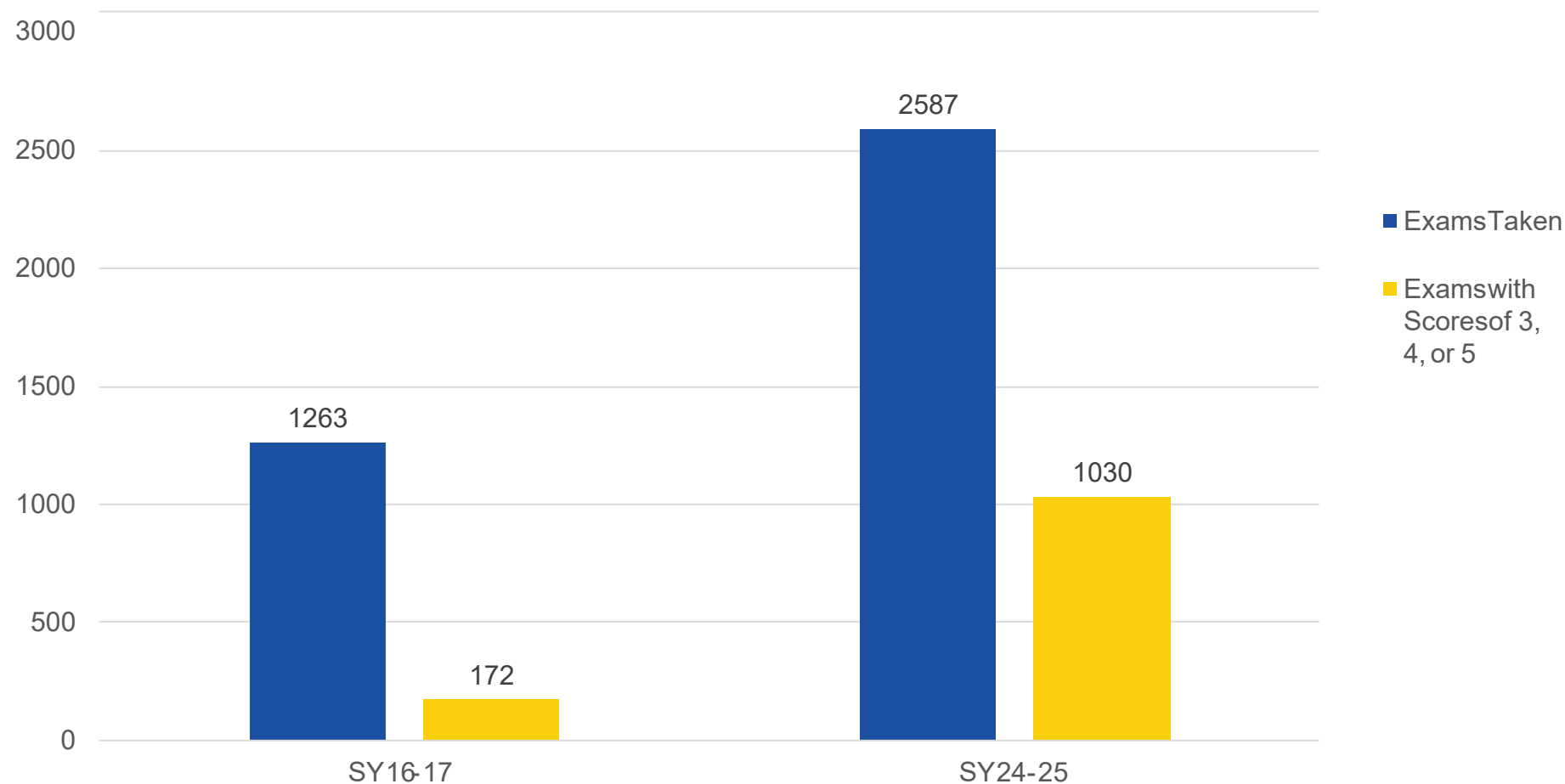
Arts

A diploma where students take advanced art classes and create a portfolio that makes them competitive to apply to art programs after high school

Dual Enrollment Participation and Performance has increased significantly since 2020

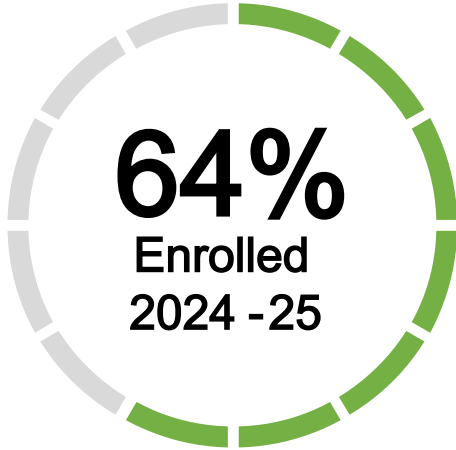
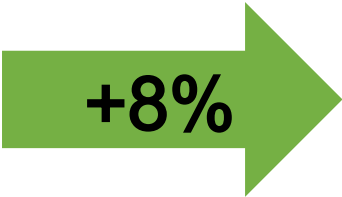
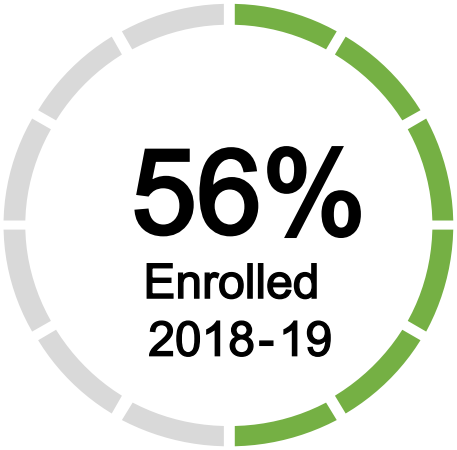


Since 2017, the percent of AP exams earning a score of 3 or higher has also increased significantly

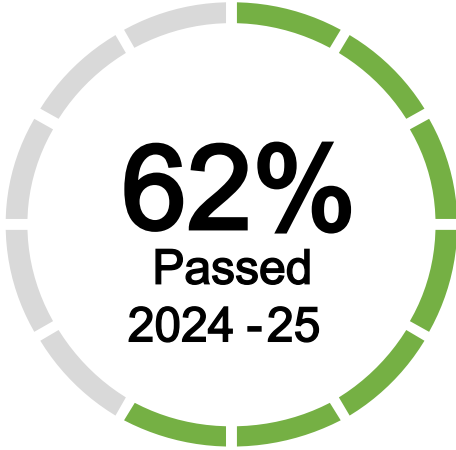
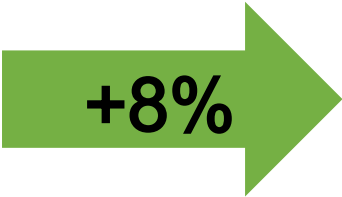
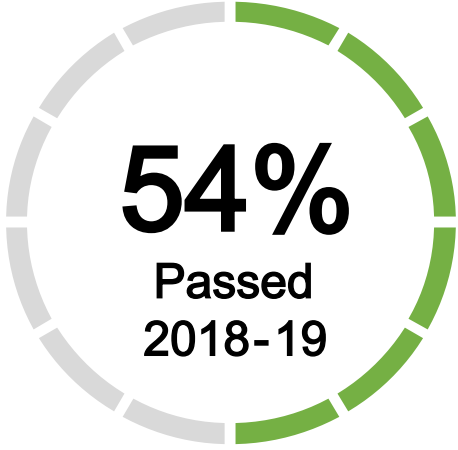


More DPSCD Students are Enrolling and Passing College Ready Classes

Enrolled



Passed



Goal 4: Assure Sustainability and Continued Progress



Invest in Our School Facilities (FMP)



Staying Focused and Disciplined Despite Challenges



Federal Funding Threats



State Reform Agendas Not Tied to Equitable Funding and Sustainable Policy Reforms



Intensified Immigration Enforcement



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Staying Focused and Disciplined Despite Challenges: Inequitable Funding

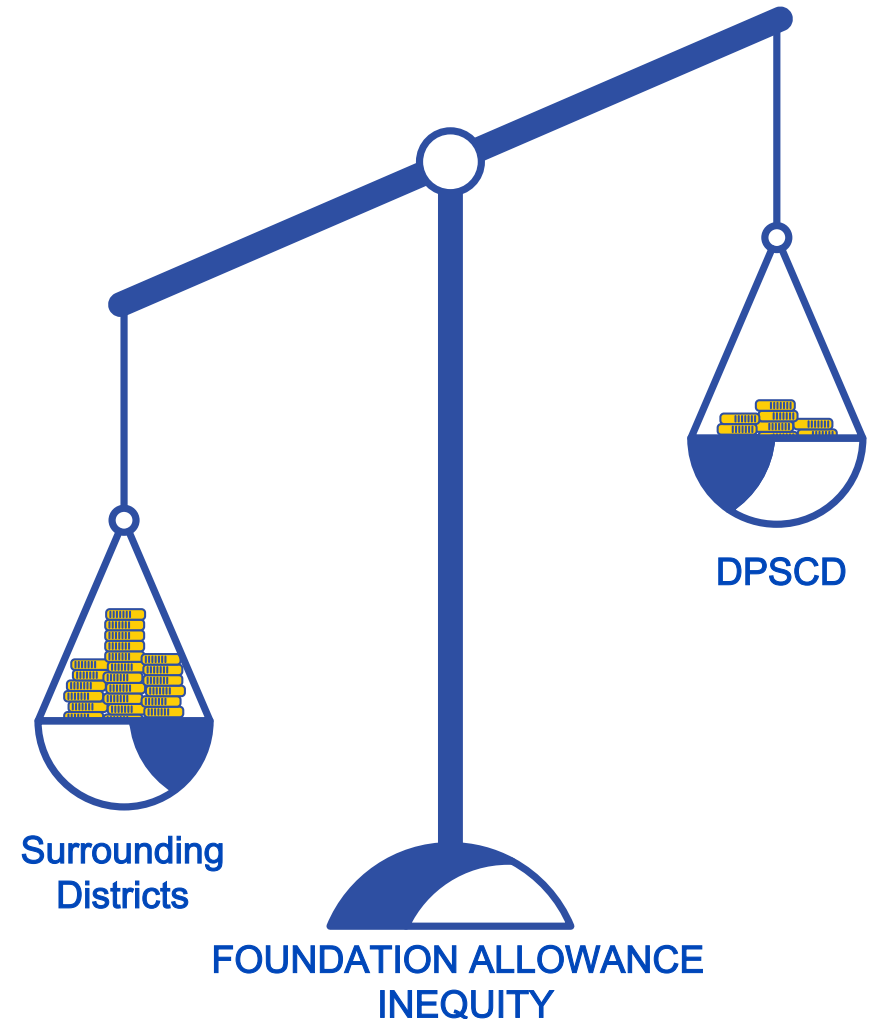
DPSCD receives less per pupil from the core Foundation Allowance than most surrounding districts

DPSCD receives \$10,050 per pupil, which is \$1,090 less* per pupil compared to 20 key surrounding districts

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|------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Ann Arbor | Grosse Ile Township | Romulus | Walled Lake |
| Birmingham | Grosse Pointe | Royal Oak | Warren Consolidated |
| CenterLine | Lamphere | South Lake | Warren Woods |
| Dearborn | Melvindale-North | Southfield | West Bloomfield |
| Farmington | River Rouge | Troy | |

DPSCD receives \$3,464 less* per pupil compared to 3 key surrounding districts, equivalent to \$168M annually in recurring funding

Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, and Southfield



*Average of the FY26 per pupil foundation Allowance for the identified school districts

Despite the threats, continued partnership will help us to meet our goals



Detroit school district reaches 11 -year high in third grade reading proficiency on state assessments

By Hannan Dellinger and Micah Walker , BridgeDetroit | August 27, 2015, 7:59pm EDT

Detroit Superintendent Nikolai Vitti named nation's top urban educator

By Lori Higgins | Oct. 20, 2022, 9:00pm EDT

Pershing High School broke ground on new facilities Friday, the first of five builds

Jalen Williams, Detroit Free Press

Published 5:52 p.m. ET Oct. 25, 2024 | Updated 5:57 p.m. ET Oct. 25, 2024

Detroit Public Schools Community District Opens Southeastern High School CTE Annex, First Completed Project Under \$700 Million Plan

By Ebony JJ Curry, Senior Reporter , October 10, 2025

DPSCD touts promising gains in AP achievements for high school students

By Micah Walker , BridgeDetroit | December 13, 2024, 3:50pm EST

Detroit Public Schools get two -notch upgrade to Ba3

The Bond Buyer

68 Michigan schools released from state oversight, including many in Detroit area

Jennifer Pignolet , The Detroit News

Nov. 20, 2025, 4:07 p.m. ET

Several Detroit schools outpace all others in state in reducing chronic absenteeism.

By Hannan Dellinger | September 19, 2025, 8:37pm EDT

Detroit Public Schools graduation rates reach new high

By TMDN STAFF | March 24, 2025

