



A Strong Finish: Accelerating Graduation Outcomes in JPS



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Accelerating the Standard

JPS Graduation Momentum &
Performance Report: 2019–2026



+10.3

**District-Wide
Growth: Points**

District Focus

85.4% 

Current JPS Graduation Rate

A definitive 10.3-point climb from the 2019-2020 baseline of 75.1%.

School Focus

+28.1 Points 

Maximum School-Level Surge

Lanier High redefined turnaround expectations over a six-year period.

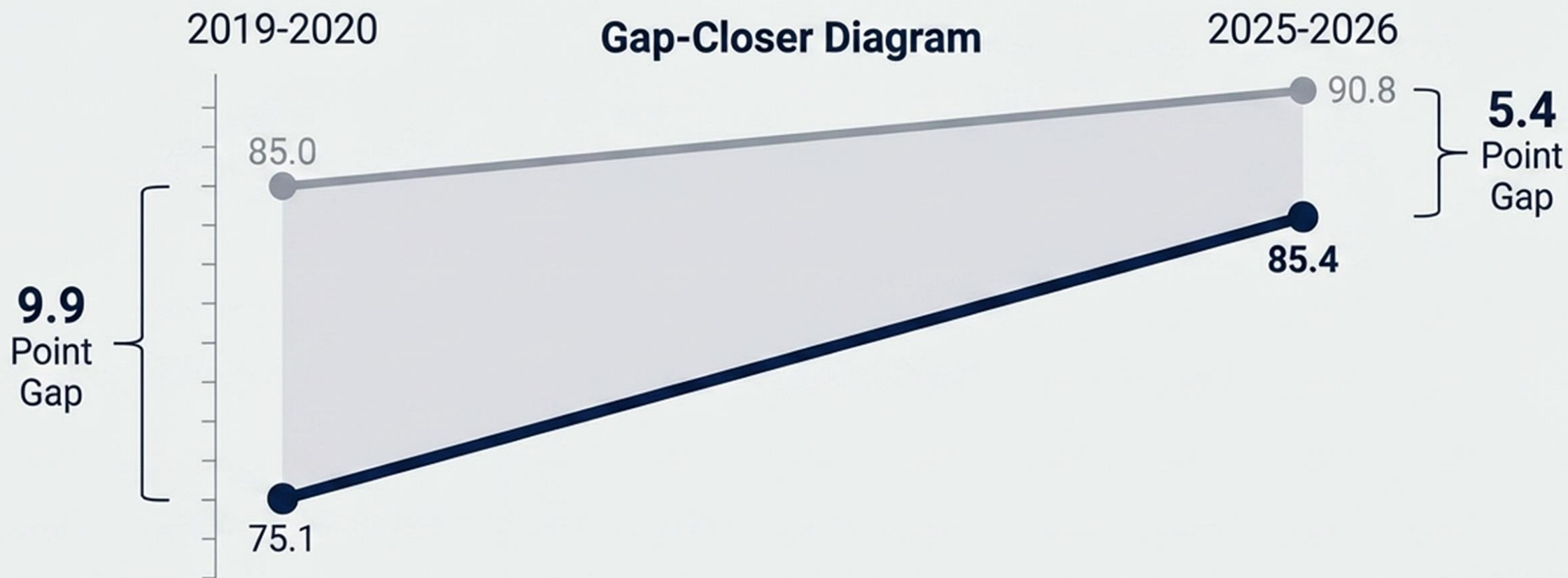
Subgroup Focus

+25.8 Points 

Breakthrough Equity Growth

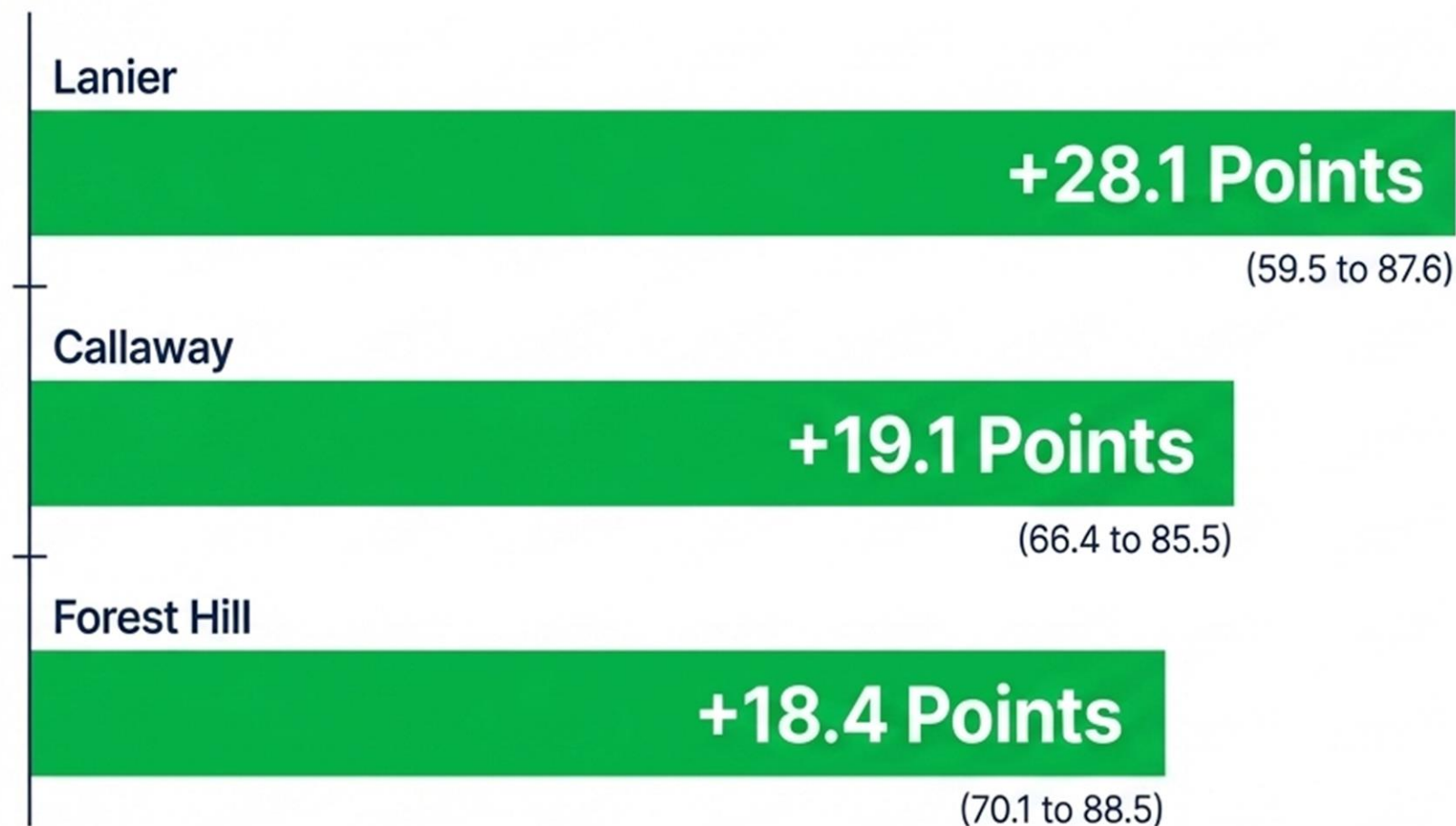
Students with Disabilities achieved massive, sustained graduation rate improvements.

District Growth Outpaces the State, Halving the Achievement Gap



While the state baseline grew by 5.8 points, JPS **accelerated at nearly double that rate** (+10.3 points), demonstrating systemic velocity.

Breakout Performers: Three Schools Drive Unprecedented Surges



Shifting the focus from absolute baseline scores to systemic improvement reveals the true success stories. Lanier High's 28-point surge proves that rapid, systemic turnaround is achievable.

The Growth & Consistency Matrix: 2019 vs 2026

	Baseline Rate (19-20)	Current Rate (25-26)	Net Growth Impact
Callaway	66.4	85.5	+19.1 ↗
Forest Hill	70.1	88.5	+18.4 ↗
Jim Hill	75.0	83.7	+8.7 ↗
Lanier	59.5	87.6	+28.1 ↗
Murrah Steady High-Performer	88.1	90.5	+2.4 ↗
Provine	85.8	81.8	-4.0
Wingfield	72.3	77.3	+5.0 ↗

The matrix isolates two distinct markers of success: rapid turnarounds (Lanier, Callaway) and the stabilization of existing high performance (Murrah).

The State of Jackson Public Schools: Graduation, Dropout, and Strategic Trajectory

A 5-Year Performance Diagnostic and Intervention
Strategy



The 2026 Turning Point: Reversing the Trend

25-26 District Graduation Rate

85.4%



Rising from 83.7%
in 2024/2025

25-26 District Dropout Rate

12.3%



Dropping from
14.6% in 2024

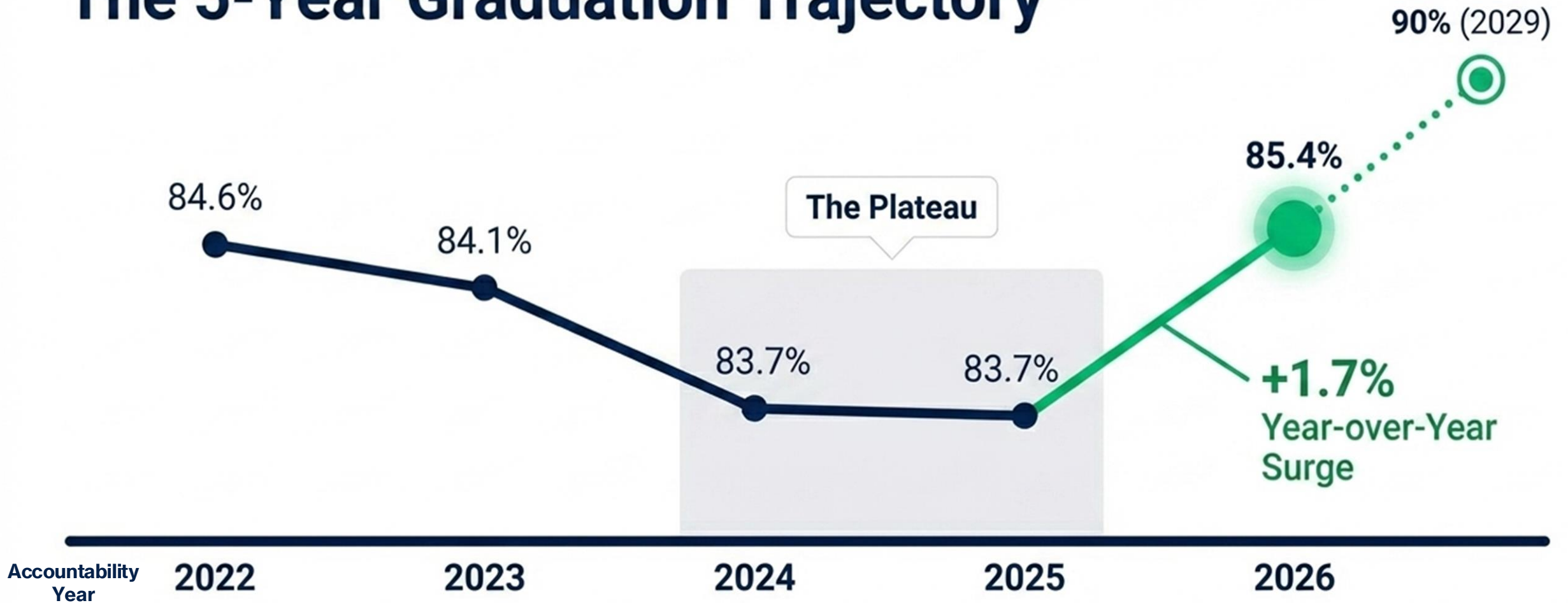
2029 Strategic Target



4.6% Gap to Close

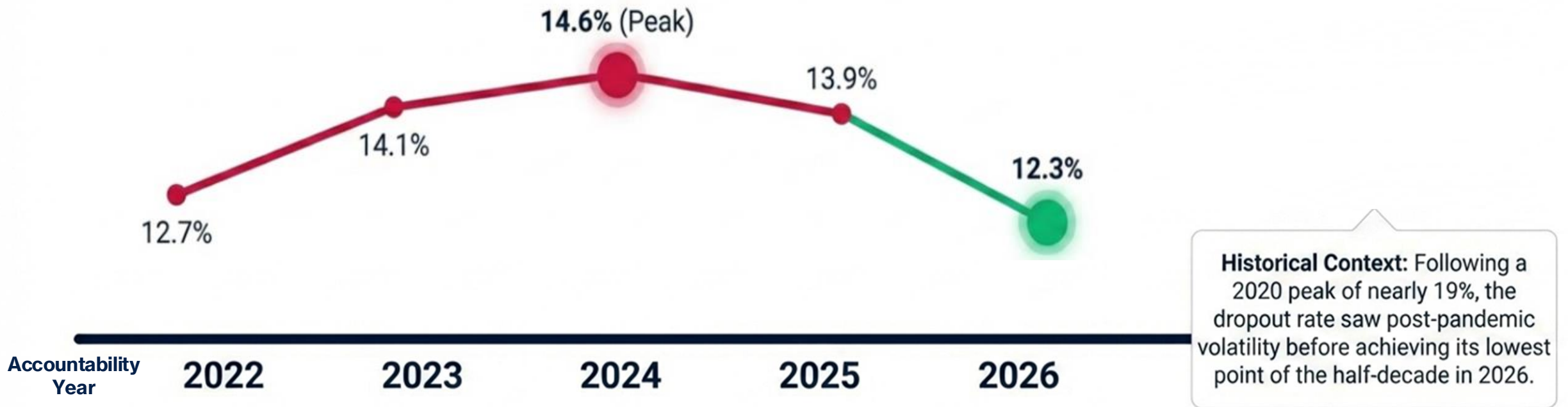
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Reclaiming Momentum: The 5-Year Graduation Trajectory



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Stemming the Tide: The 5-Year Dropout Reduction



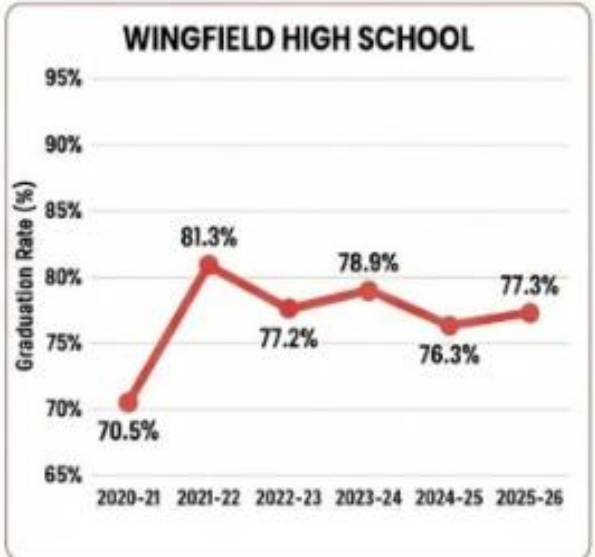
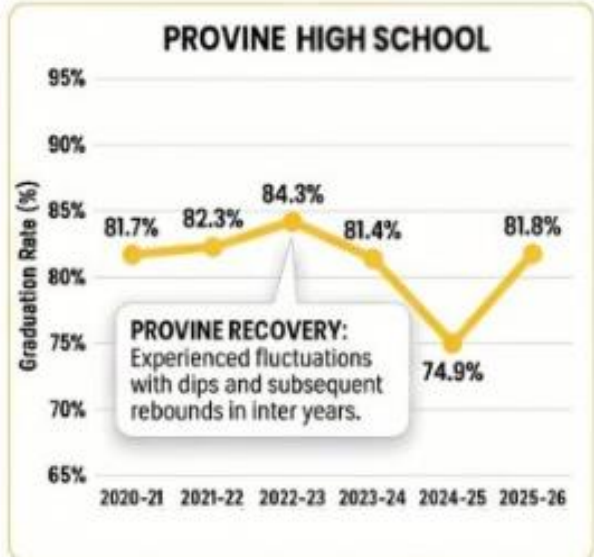
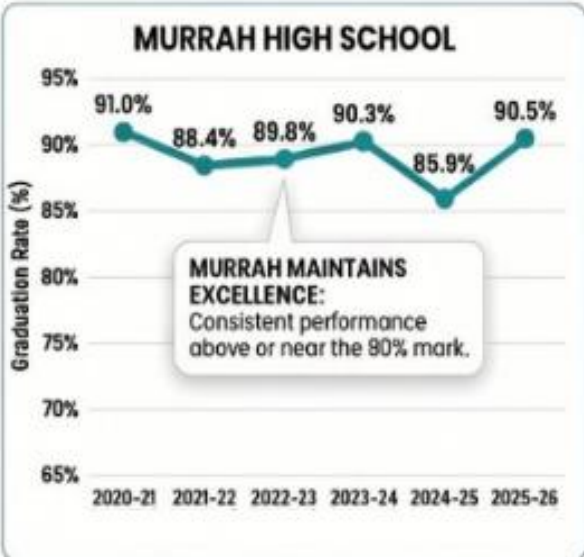
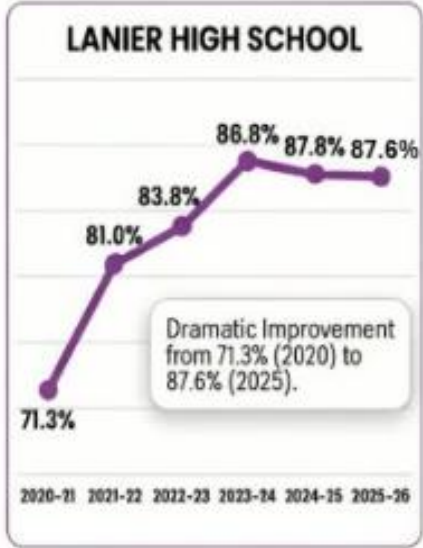
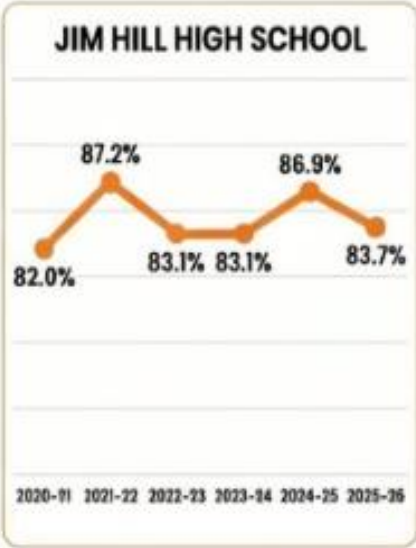
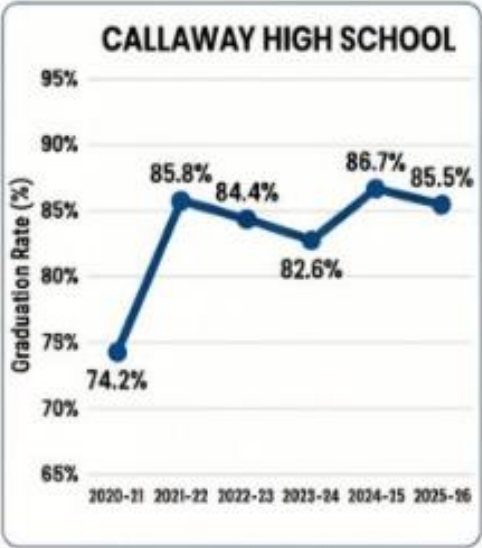
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Individual School Performance Matrix: Graduations Heating Up, Dropouts Cooling Down

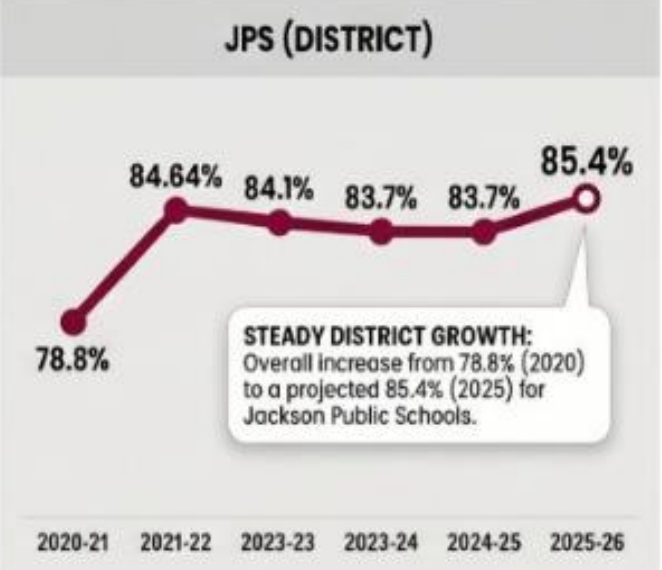
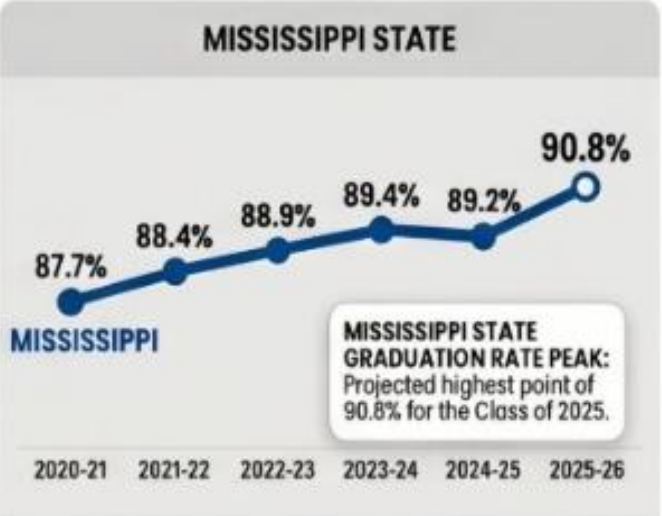
Graduation % (2025 → 2026)		School Name	Dropout % (2025 → 2026)	
	85.4% → 88.5%	Forest Hill	10.4% → 9.6%	
	85.9% → 90.5%	Murrah	13.5% → 7.6%	Notable Wins
	74.9% → 81.8%	Provine	20.8% → 14.6%	
	87.8% → 87.6%	Lanier	7.6% → 11.2%	
	86.7% → 85.5%	Callaway	13.3% → 12.2%	
	86.5% → 83.7%	Jim Hill	11.7% → 15.4%	
	76.3% → 77.3%	Wingfield	20.7% → 19.6%	

TRACKING EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE TRENDS (2020-2026)

Visualizing the multi-year trajectory of graduation rates across various high schools, comparing local school performance against district (JPS) and state (Mississippi) benchmarks.



REGIONAL & DISTRICT BENCHMARKS



Tracking Educational Challenges: High School Dropout Rate Trends (2020–2026)

Individual School Performance Trends

Lanier High School: Most Significant Improvement

Lanier saw a dramatic reduction in dropout rates, falling from a high of 23.4% in 2020-21 to a projected 11.2% by 2025-26.



Wingfield High School: Persistent High Rates

Wingfield consistently maintains the highest dropout rates in the group, peaking at 24.6% (2020-21) and remaining at 19.6% by the 2025-26 projection.



Murrah High School: Consistent Benchmark Leader



Jim Hill High School



Callaway High School



Forest Hill High School



Provine High School



Regional & District Benchmarks

Mississippi State Average

The state benchmark shows high stability, hovering between 8.5% and 9% before a projected drop to a low of 7% in 2025-26.



Jackson Public Schools (JPS) District Trend

The district-wide dropout rate shows a general downward trend from 17.5% (2020-21) to 12.3% (2025-26).



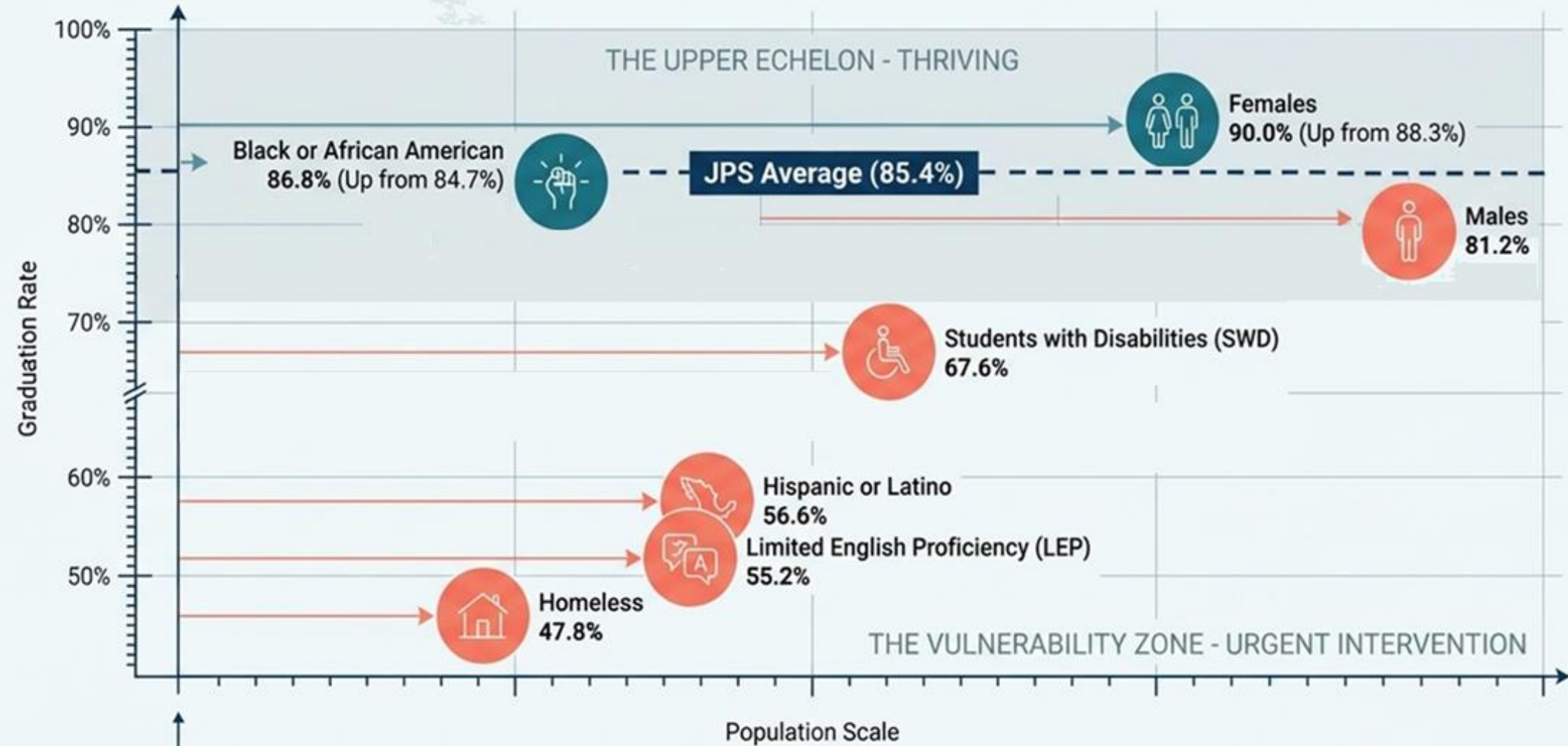
Opportunities and Strategic Alignment



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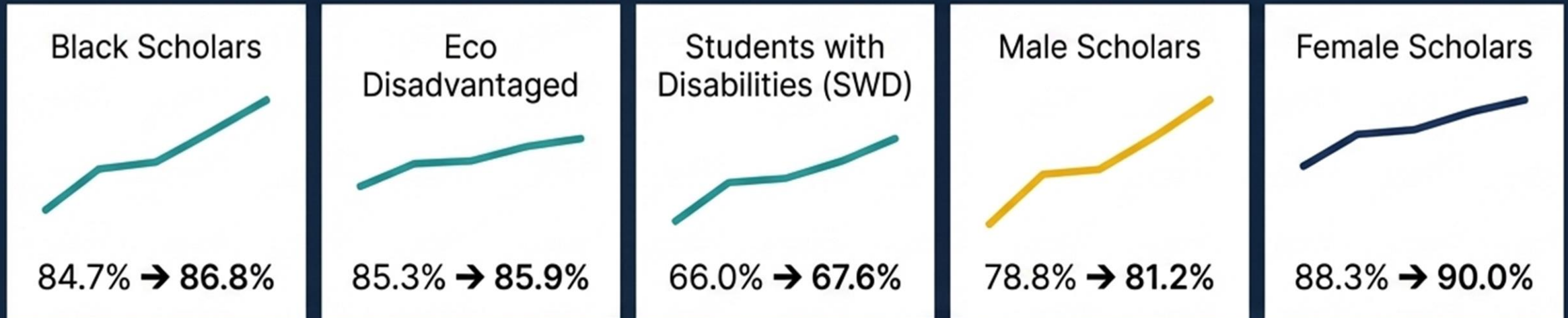
VULNERABILITY & OPPORTUNITY MATRIX: SUBGROUP GRADUATION RATES



While the macro trend is positive, severe structural vulnerabilities exist for Homeless, LEP, and Hispanic scholars. The Male-Female achievement gap remains a critical friction point.

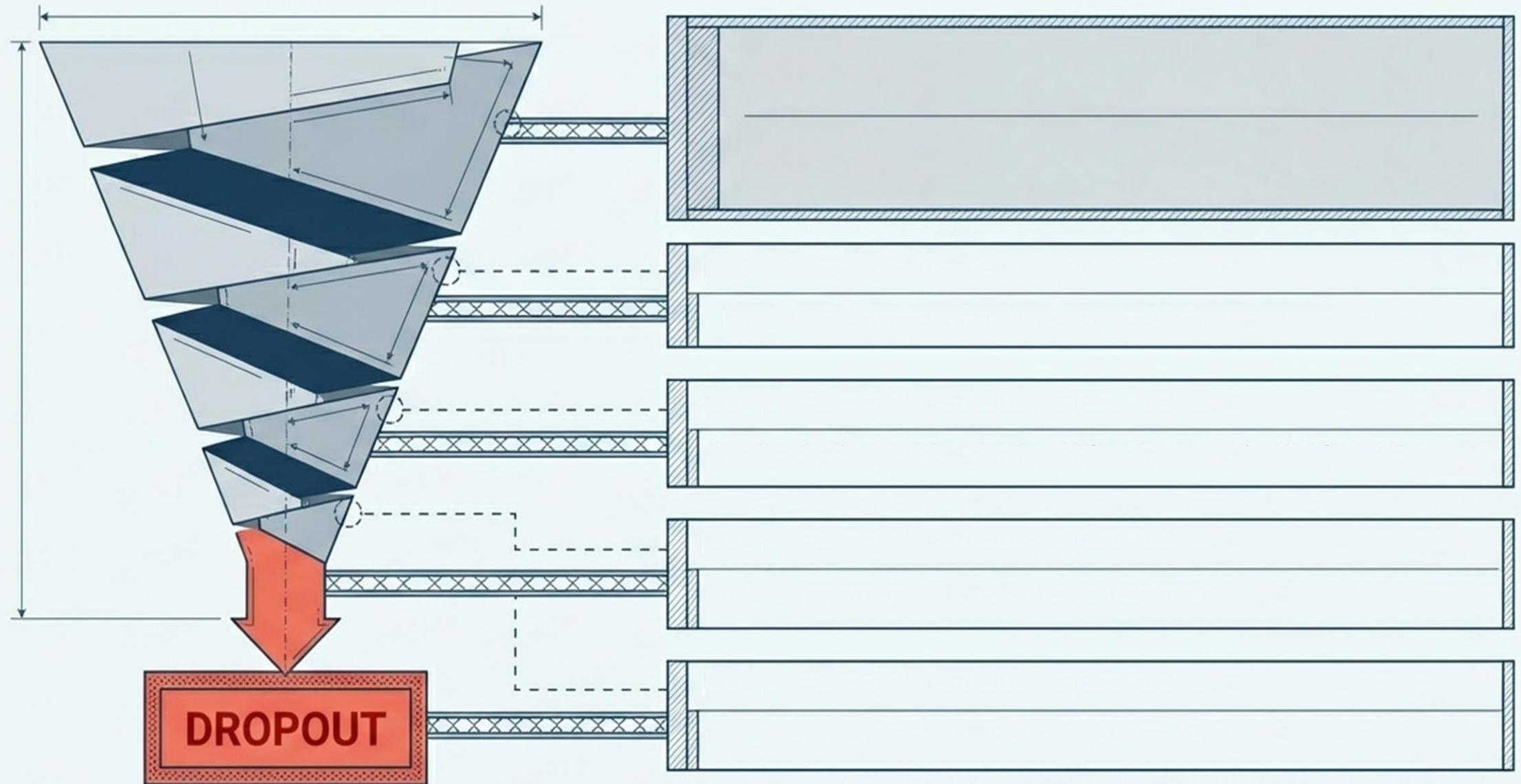
Subgroup Gaps are Narrowing, but Specialized Support Remains a Priority

2026 Grad Rate: 85.4% (Up from 83.7% in 2025) | **2026 Dropout Rate: 12.3%** (Down from 13.9% in 2025)

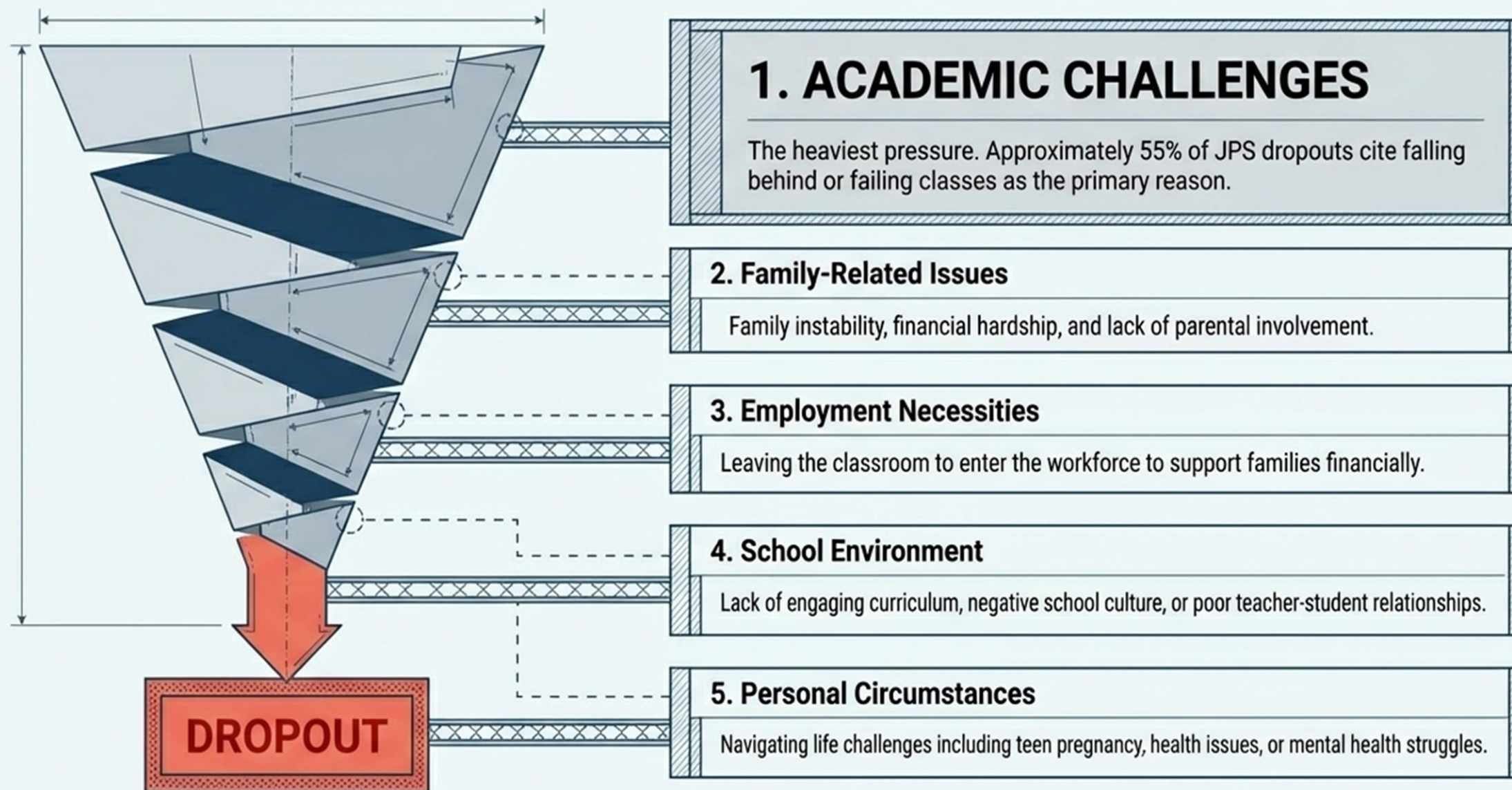


The gender gap is actively closing, with Male scholar graduation rates increasing by 2.4% in a single year.

Top Five Reasons JPS Scholars Dropout of High School



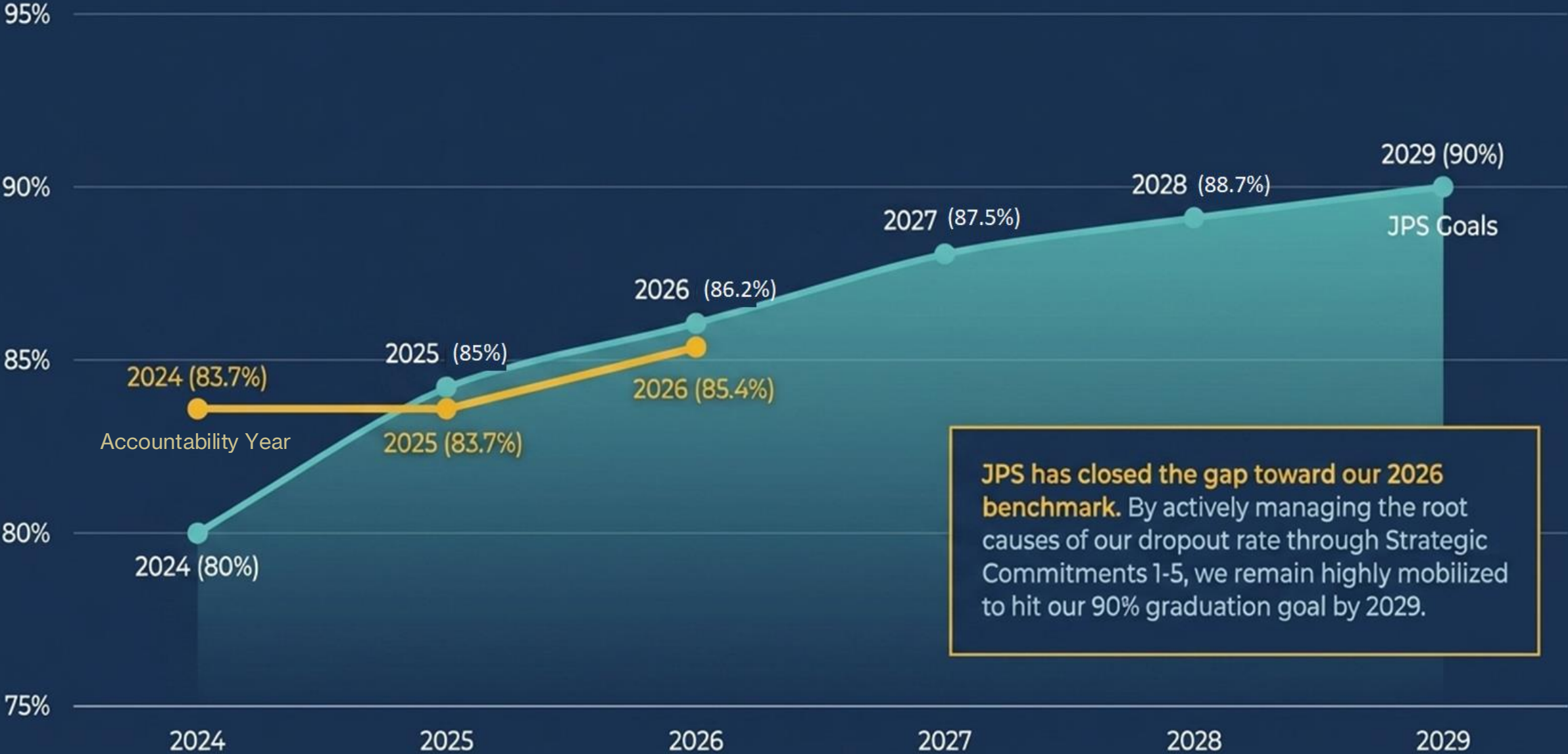
THE DROPOUT FUNNEL: DECONSTRUCTING THE FRICTION POINTS



Deploying the 2024–2029 Strategic Plan to Neutralize Dropout Root Causes

Strategic Alignment Matrix		
Root Cause	Strategic Commitment Alignment	Practical Intervention Deployment
Academic Challenges 	Commitment 1 (Innovative Teaching)	Personalized learning, Early learning expansion, Out-of-school programs.
Family Issues	Commitments 3 & 4 (Joy & Org Effectiveness)	Mental health professionals, Family engagement (PTA/Councils).
Employment Necessities	Commitment 5 (Strong Finish)	Work-based learning, Internships, Early college credits/industry certs.
School Environment	Commitments 2 & 3 (Talent & Joy)	Educator professional learning, Recognition programs.
Personal Circumstances	Commitments 3 & 5 (Joy & Strong Finish)	On-site SEL counselors, Tailored transition for SWD.

Future Trajectory: Tracking Toward the “Excellence for All” 90% Goal



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