



Execution and Accountability Session

Recovery

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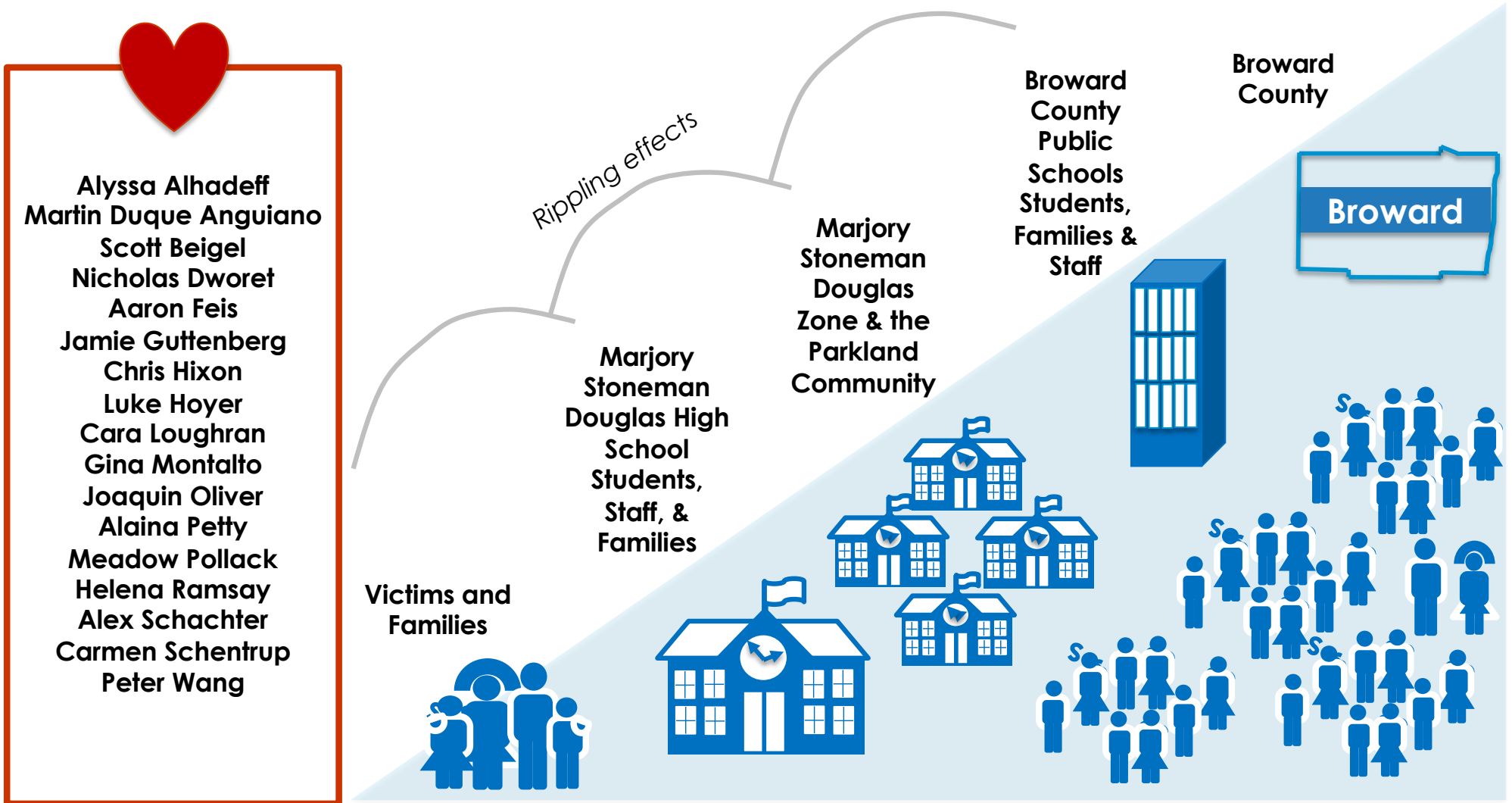
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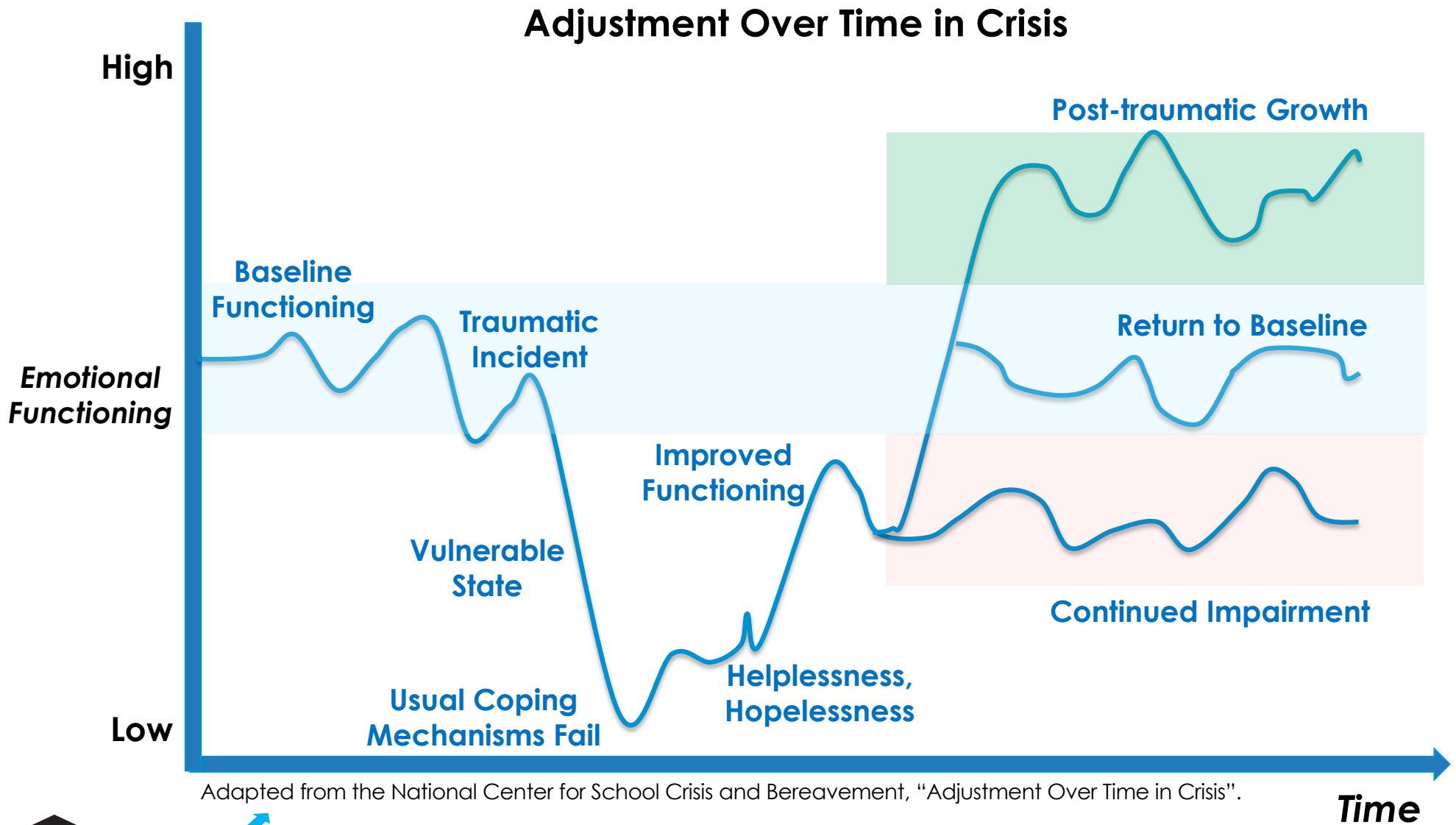


We are here today because of a senseless tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018



BCPS is transitioning from Response to Recovery

What Does Recovery Look Like?



Adapted from the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement, "Adjustment Over Time in Crisis".

BCPS Recovery Overview

We have an infrastructure and are building on it

Why?

Recovery is **mission-critical**.

A robust support infrastructure is needed to ensure that we educate **all students** to reach their highest potential.

Recovery fortifies an environment where **teachers can teach** and **students can learn**.

What?

Academic achievement:

Proficiency
(at a minimum)

Growth
(at a minimum, one year's growth every year)

Social-Emotional Well-being:

Physical Safety¹
(for Students and Staff)

Resiliency
(Individuals and Systems)

Resourcefulness
(Soft Skills)

How?

- **BEST/CARE Blueprint**
- **Tiered** system of supports
- **Counseling and Academic Advisement**
- **Implementation of External Report Recommendations**
- Leverage **external partners** (consultants, service providers)

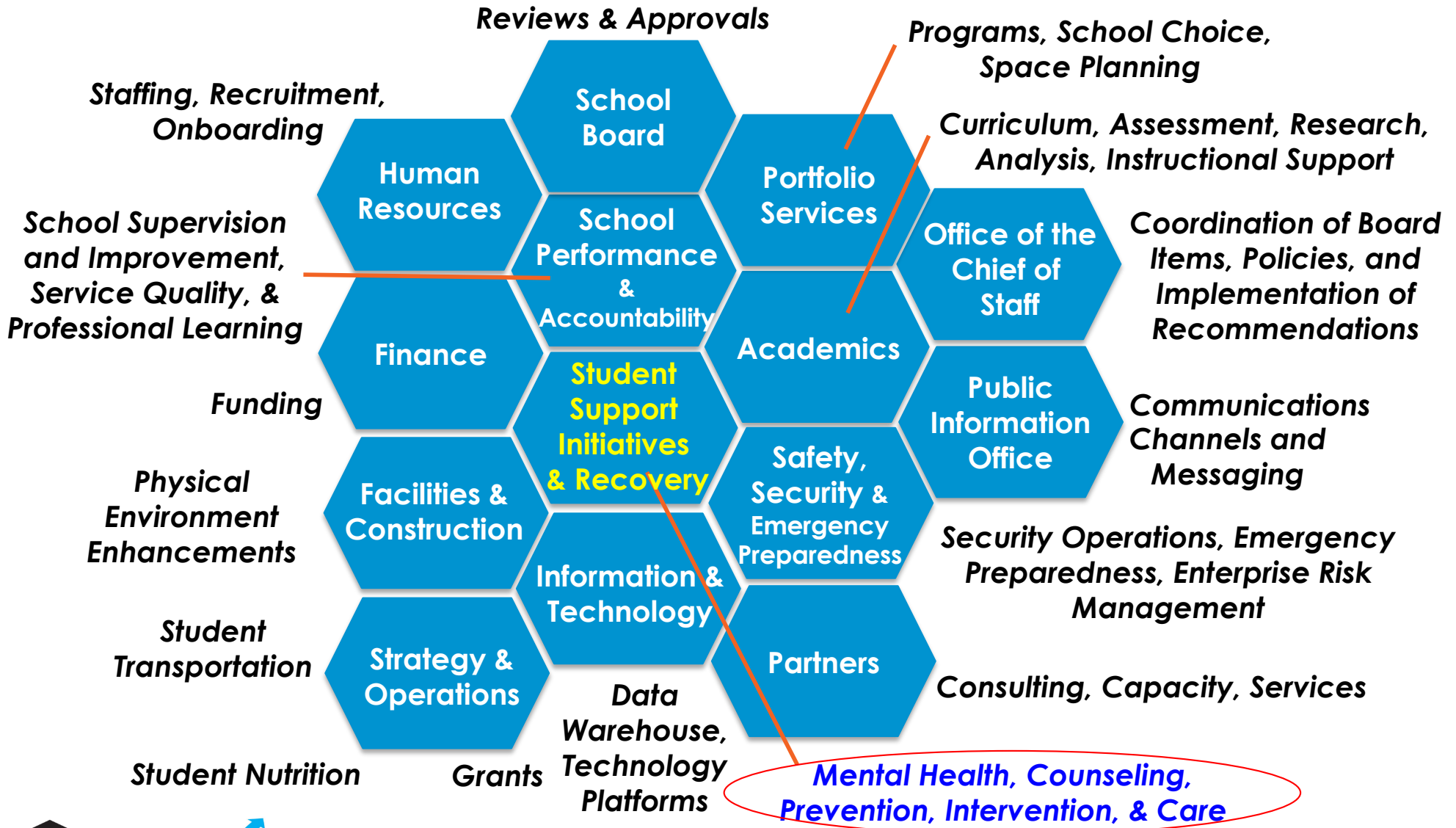
Programmatic Modifications

Extension of Existing Capabilities

Introduction of New Capabilities

¹The District's Safety and Security Initiative is covered separately.

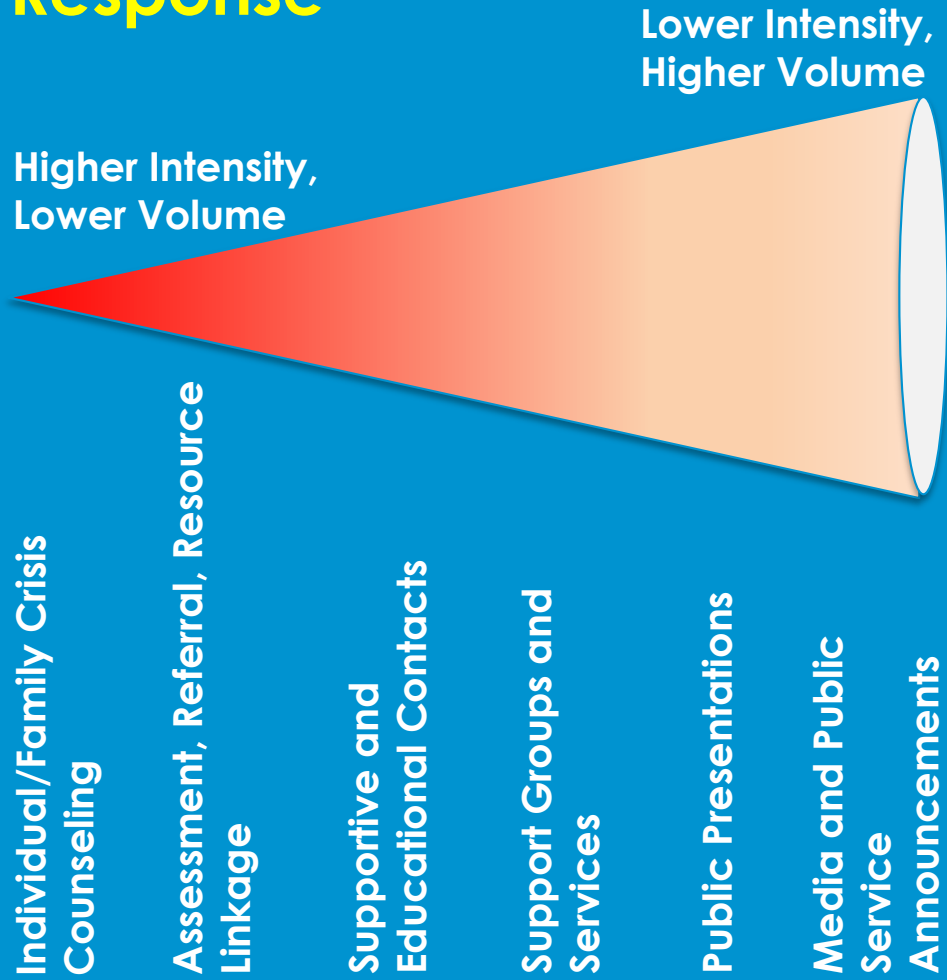
Our **Recovery Ecosystem** crosses the entire BCPS Organization and Beyond



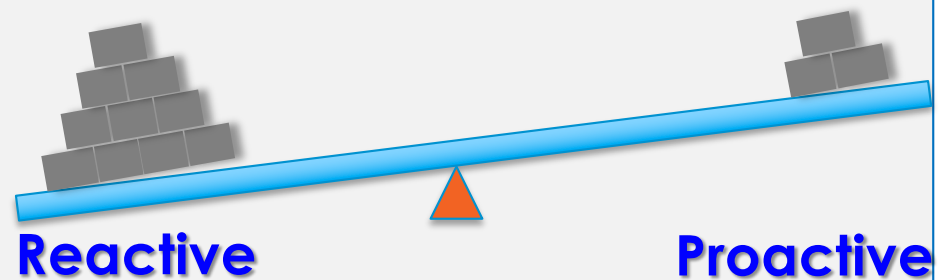
Distinguishing between **Response** and Recovery

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Response

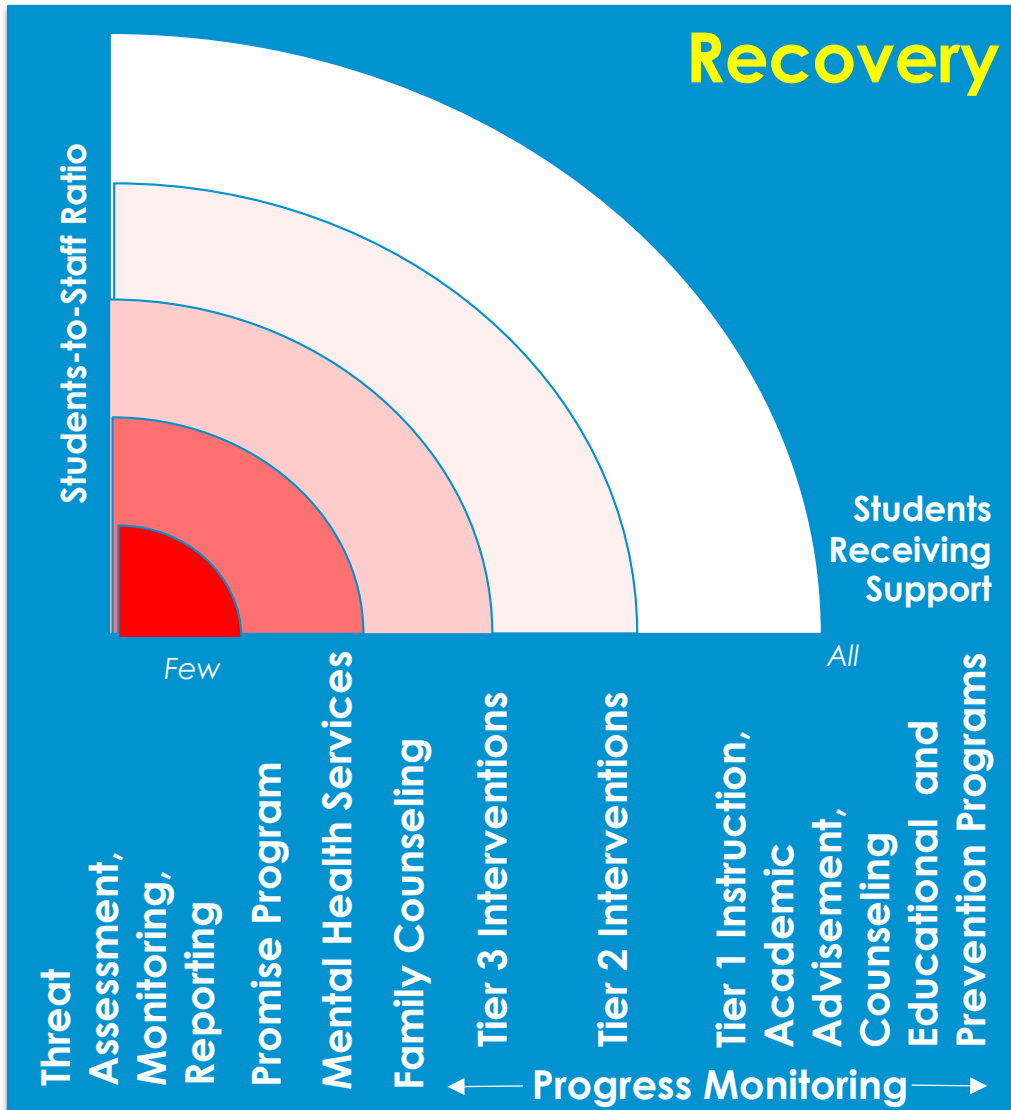


- **Mitigate** effects
- **Reduce** harm
- **Contain** damage
- **Inform** stakeholders
- **Coordinate** efforts
- **Take Urgent and Concrete Actions**

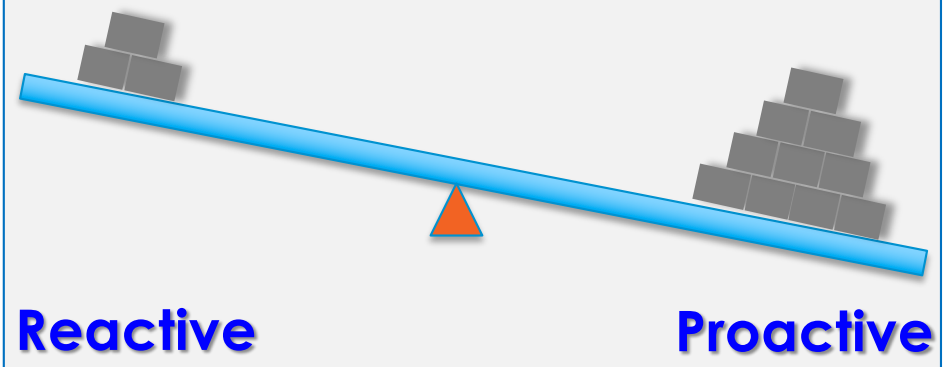


Distinguishing between Response and Recovery

(2 of 2)



- **Informed** by history, data
- **Tiered Structures** for support
- Well-defined **Protocols**
- Early **Interventions**
- Family & Community **Engagement**
- Physical & Mental **Health**
- **Preparedness & Resiliency**
- Purposeful **Planning**



Our Investments in **Core Capabilities** are critical for meeting District Needs

Systems for **positive development**

Academic & Behavior Instructional Strategies	School Counseling
Social Emotional Learning	Peer Mentoring
Family and Community Engagement	Diversity

Systems of **prevention**

Substance Abuse	Suicide Prevention
Bullying / Violence	Drop Out Prevention
Sexual Health & Wellness	Mindful Action

Recovery Project Management

Systems of **intervention**

Mental Health & Wellness	Threat Assessment
Multi-Tiered System of Supports & Response to Intervention	Behavior and Discipline
Healthy Start / Prenatal Care	Community Learning Centers

Systems for **care**

Mental Health Therapy	Family Counseling
Immigrant Support	Employee Assistance Programs
Emergency/Crisis Treatment	Homeless & Homebound Education

 Enhanced Capability

 Significant extension to existing capability

 New capability

Our Partners are essential for expanding our capacity

NATIONAL / REGIONAL



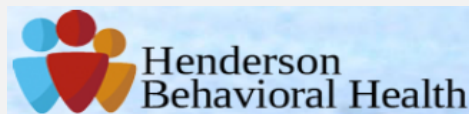
National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement



LOCAL



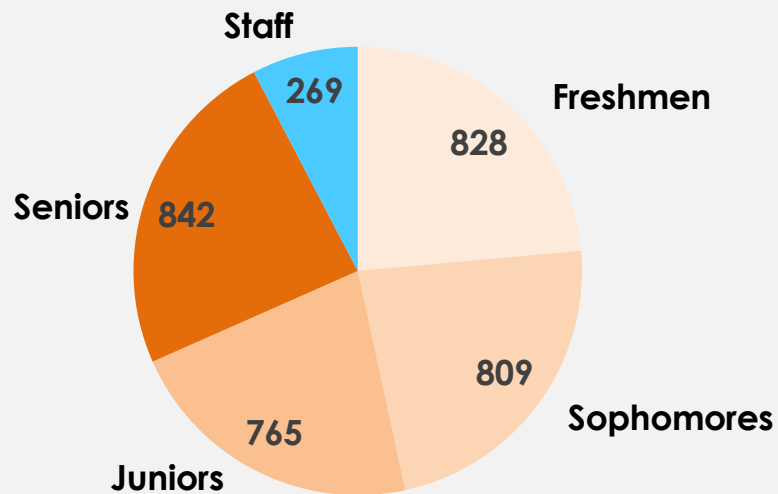
...and many others



The incident at Marjory Stoneman Douglas fueled a dramatic increase in demand for services

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Distribution of School Population

Total Population = 3,513

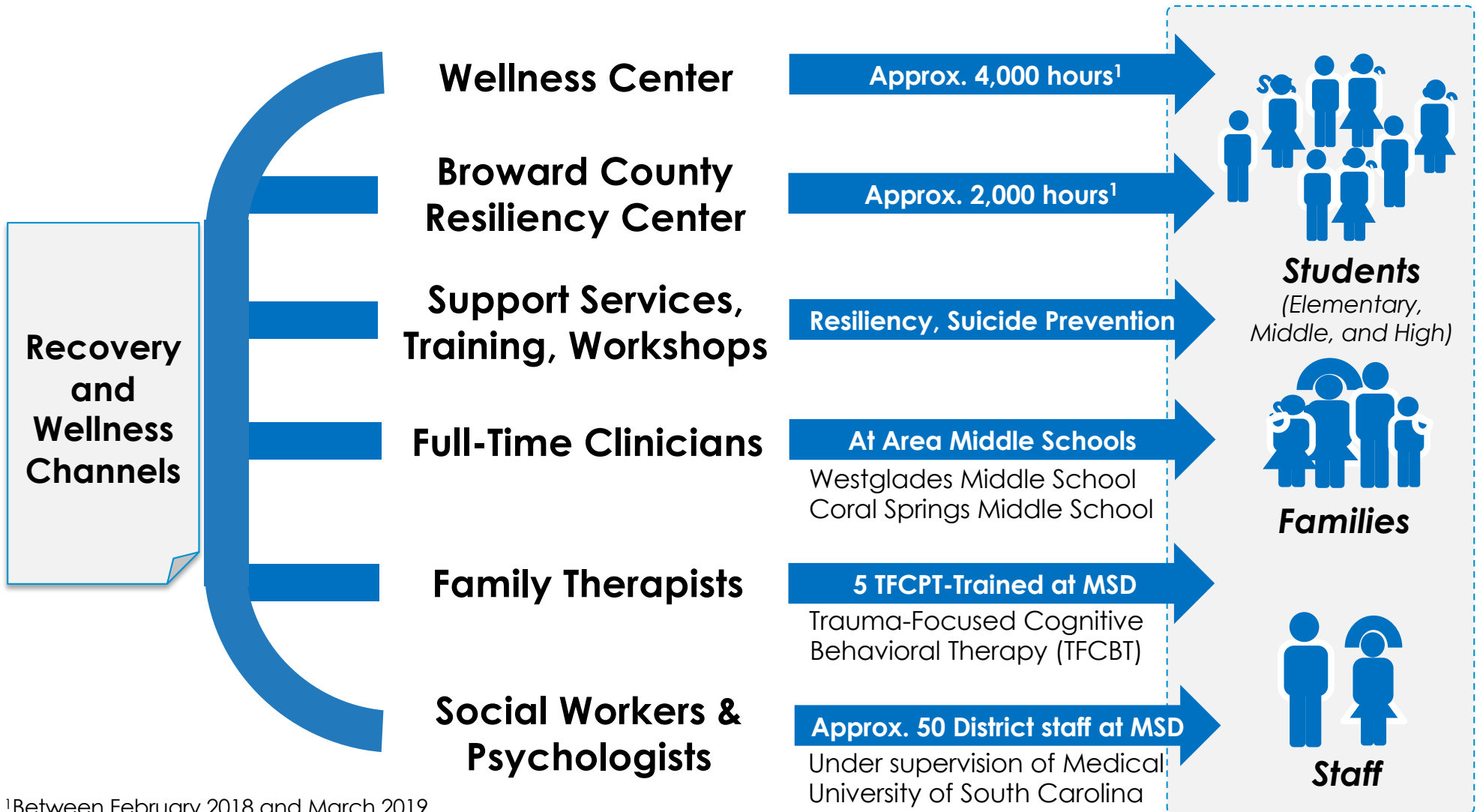


- **700 to 800 people** at Marjory Stoneman Douglas are in **critical need** of support².
- Outreach to Colleges and Universities accepting MSD Graduates notifies them that incoming students may be in need of supports.

¹ Staff figures do not include two additional counselors provided by the School Counseling and BRACE Department.

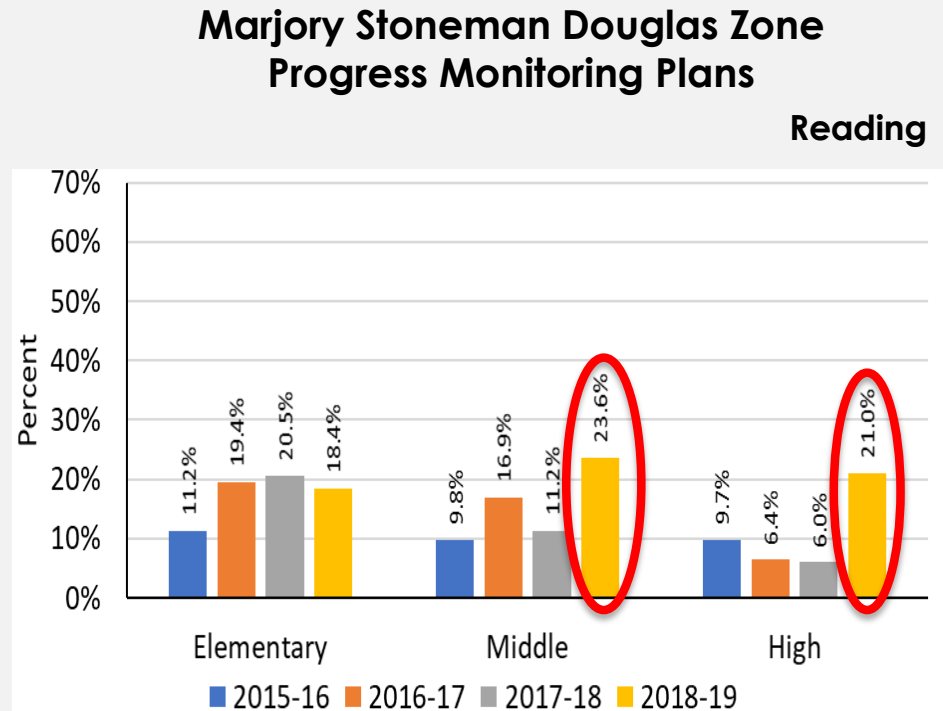
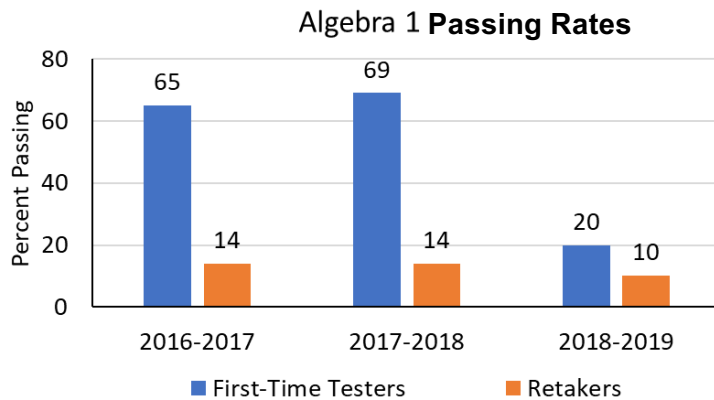
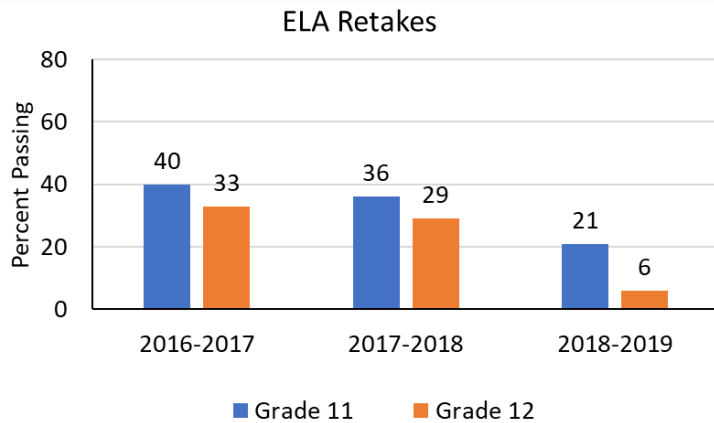
² Students and staff present in the 1200 Building at the time of the incident. Areas of support needed by students includes evaluations, treatment, case management, accommodations for the injured, and academic supports. Areas of support needed by staff include evaluations, referrals for treatment, financial resources where insurance benefits have been exhausted, and professional learning.

District Mental Health and Wellness Support for the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Community



¹Between February 2018 and March 2019

Academic Performance Data at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (and Zone) reflect a high need for Academic Supports



- Decreased Fall **ELA Retakes**, **Algebra 1** Passing Rates
- Sharp increase in students placed on progress monitoring plans for **Reading** at both Middle and High School level

Academic Supports for Marjory Stoneman Douglas students cross all Content Areas & Student Populations

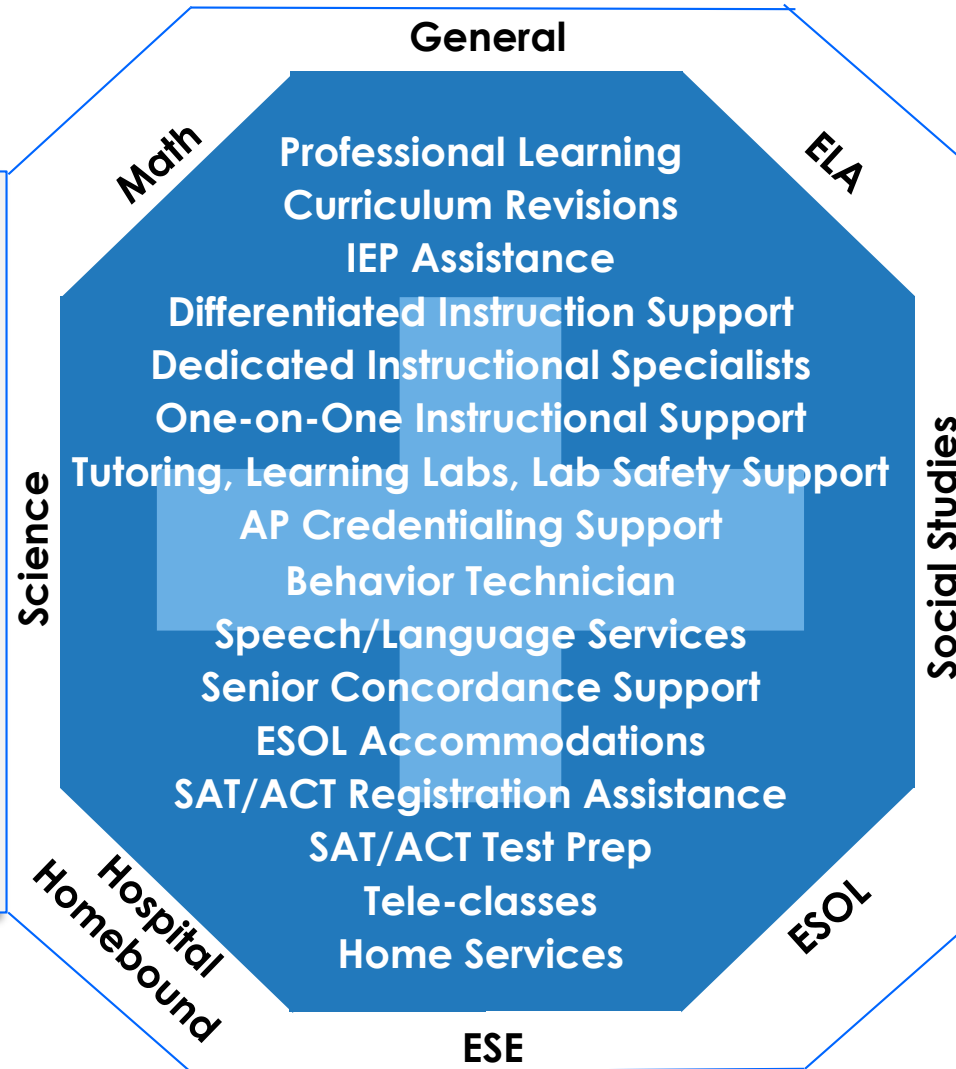
WHY?

There's a direct connection between stress, learning, and teaching.

- Some topics or situations can be especially difficult.

Ex.: Teaching the Holocaust to students who were shot at.

WHAT?



HOW?

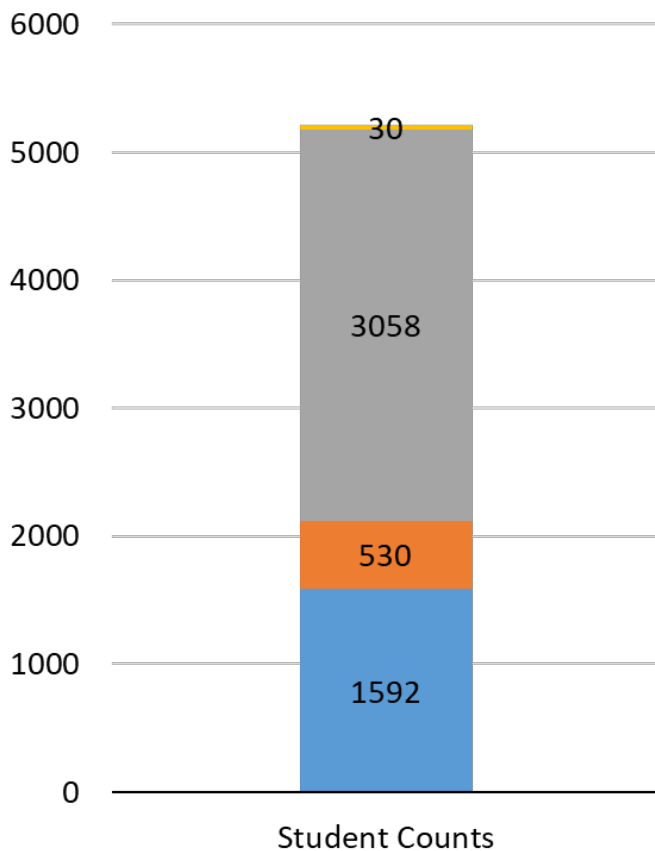
Multiple Support Models:

- Informed by **data**
- Delivered by **pull** (requested by school staff) or **push** (based on school observations)
- Cadence** determined jointly with school staff

Support: District Support Counselor Interventions Provided in the MSD Zone

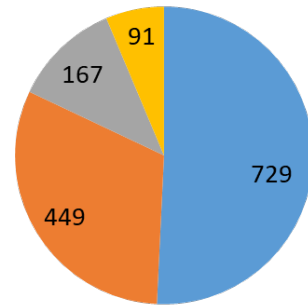
Individuals Supported

5,210 Total Students Supported

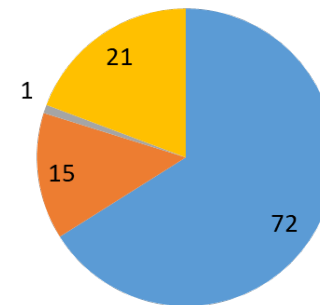


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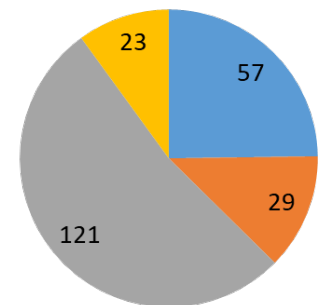
1,436 Individual Sessions



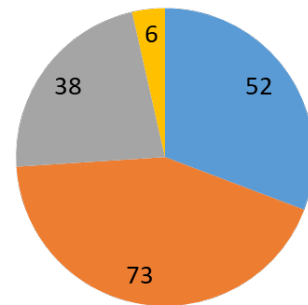
109 Small Groups



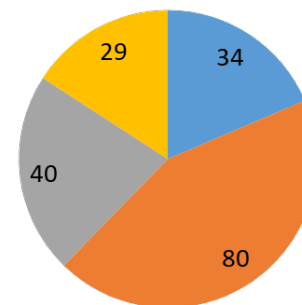
230 Classroom Lessons



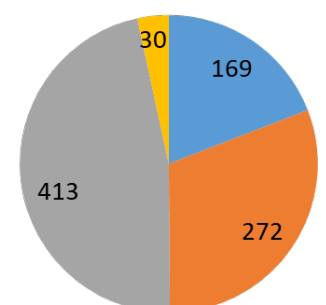
169 School-wide Initiatives



183 Community Initiatives



884 Indirect Services



■ Elementary ■ Middle ■ High ■ Centers

Source: School Counseling Department

What we heard from Administrators at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

Feedback

- Reluctance at school to adopt District-provided services; **District was too deferential**
- **Removal of APs** took away a critical support system for staff
- Getting past the **1-yr Commemoration** is a hurdle higher than the lead up to it
- **Wellness Center** “is doing a great job”

Concerns

- **Staff turnover** leading into 2019/20 school year. Some “surprise” retirements already.
- **Misperceptions** that *individual* perspectives represent *all* (among students, parents, staff)
- **Loss of instructional time** demands more academic supports, but scenario must be right

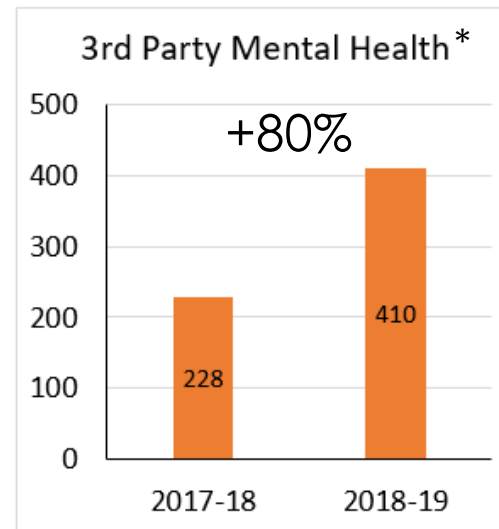
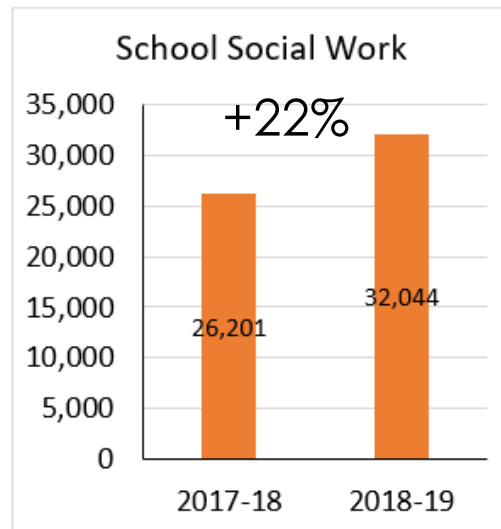
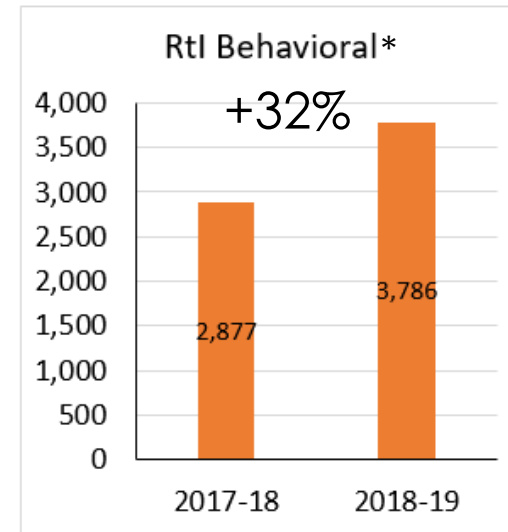
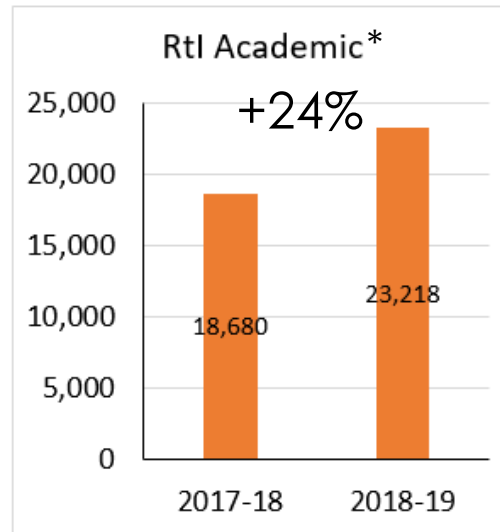
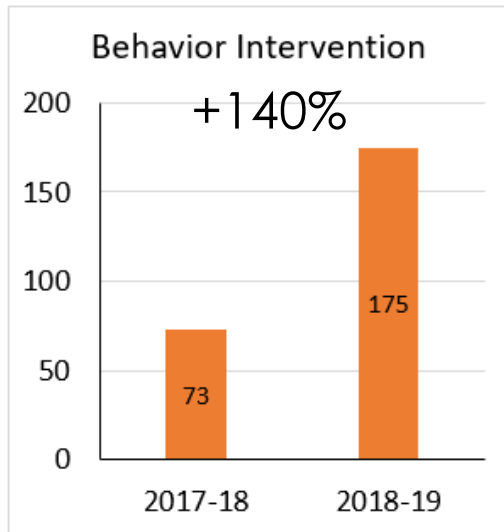
Challenges

- **Stigma** associated with seeking help
- Increase in **student anxiety** associated with commemoration and testing
- Difficult to accept **gaps** between what is needed vs. what is possible (i.e., resourced)
- **Sensitivities** between students/staff who were there on 2/14/18 *vis a vis* those who were not

Asks

- **Bring open investigations to a close** soon
- **Accelerate demolition** of the 1200 Building
- Be more assertive when it comes to “**correcting the record**”
- Investigate possibility of **temporarily over-staffing** to address attrition uncertainties

Referrals for Support have Increased Substantially District-wide



2017-18 and 2018-19 data represent the period from August to May of the respective school year.

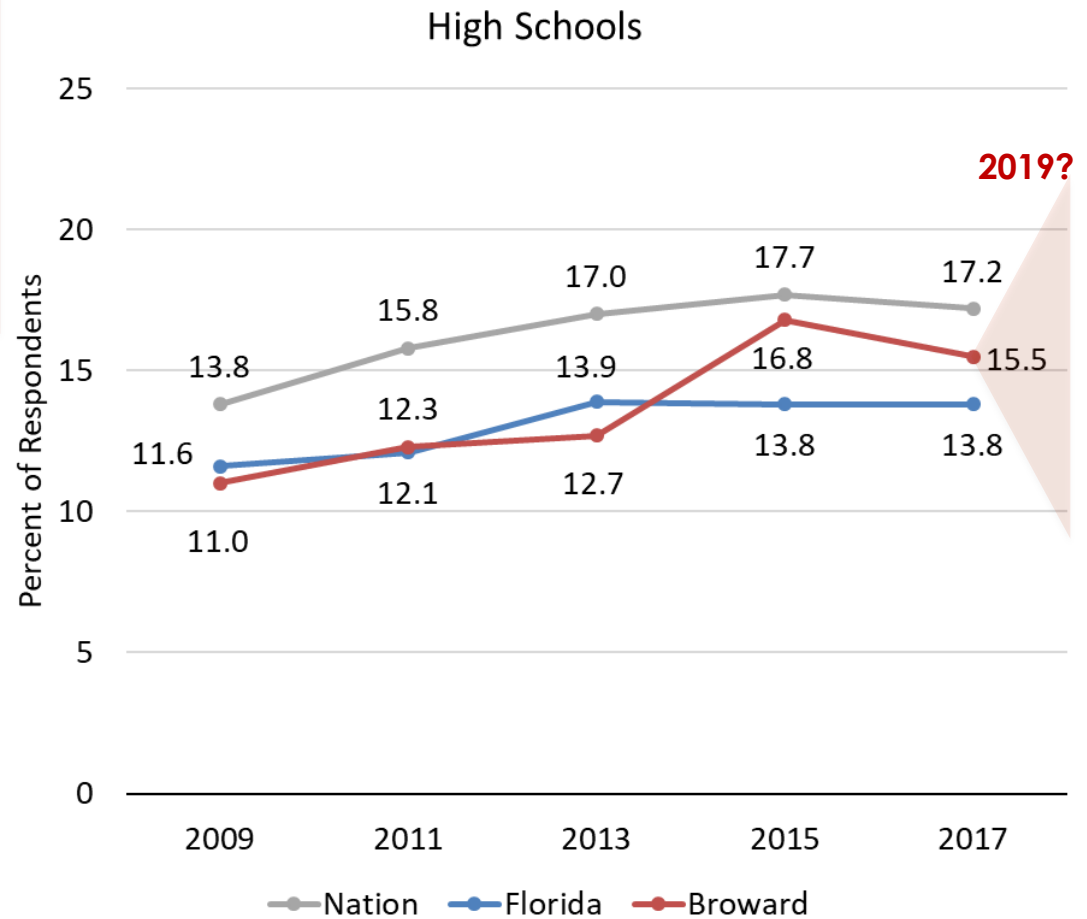
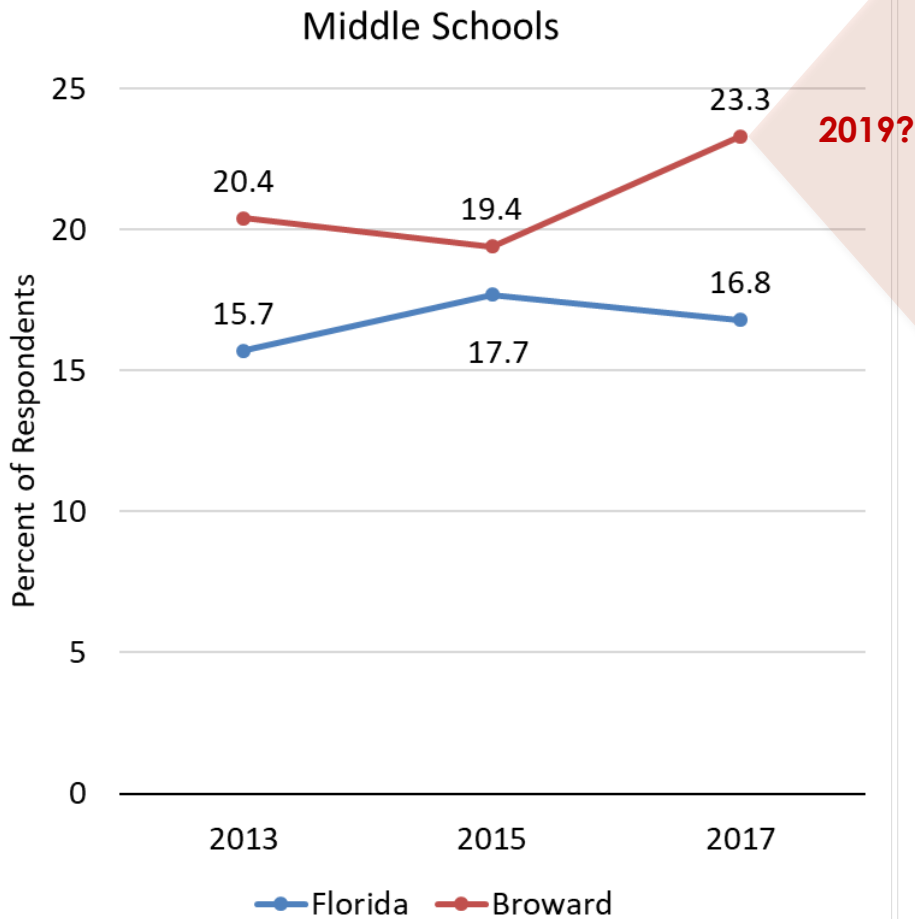
Source: Student Support Initiatives

*2019 data is partial year data

Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

Suicidal Ideations among Middle and High School Students

NOTE: 2019 YRBS is currently in progress with results expected Fall 2019



Note: Middle school data available only for 2013 and later at the state and local level.

Suicide Prevention at BCPS

Youth Suicide Prevention School-Based Guide

The Guide: Overview

The *Youth Suicide Prevention School-Based Guide* is designed to provide accurate, user-friendly information. First, checklists can be completed to help evaluate the adequacy of the schools' suicide prevention programs. Second, information is offered in a series of issue briefs corresponding to a specific checklist. Each brief offers a rationale for the importance of the specific topic together with a brief overview of the key points. The briefs also offer specific strategies that are supported by research in reducing the incidence of suicidal behavior, with references that schools may then explore in greater detail. A resource section with helpful links is also included. *The Guide* will help to provide information to schools to assist them in the development of a framework to work in partnership with community resources and families.

The issue briefs and resource/links section, their content and recommendations will continually evolve as new research is conducted, the best available evidence is evaluated, and prevention programs are utilized and tested.

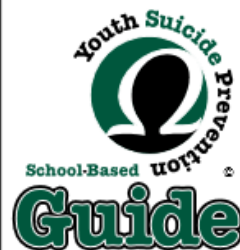
The Guide

- Identifies and defines the elements of a comprehensive, school-based suicide prevention program.
- Examines the scientific literature to determine which of these elements are supported by research in reducing the incidence of suicide and suicidal behavior.
- Contains checklists and self-assessment instruments that may be completed by schools to evaluate the adequacy of their suicide prevention programs.
- Provides a guide to help school administrators and their partners add program elements that would result in more comprehensive programs and/or would replace unproven strategies with proven strategies.
- Was reviewed, in its original form, by national experts in suicide prevention, behavioral and physical health providers, and community-based school personnel, advocates, families, and youth.

Youth Suicide Prevention School-Based Guide 1

Overview

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This publication is also available on-line as an Adobe Acrobat PDF file: <http://theguide.links.uf.edu>

BCPS Curriculum developed from “The Youth Suicide Prevention School-Based Guide”

by the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute of South Florida

Prevention training focuses on: Warning Signs, Risk Factors, and How to Respond

Provided to all schools; Three trainings to Marjory Stoneman Douglas staff in July 2018

Youth Mental Health First Aid training includes a suicide component

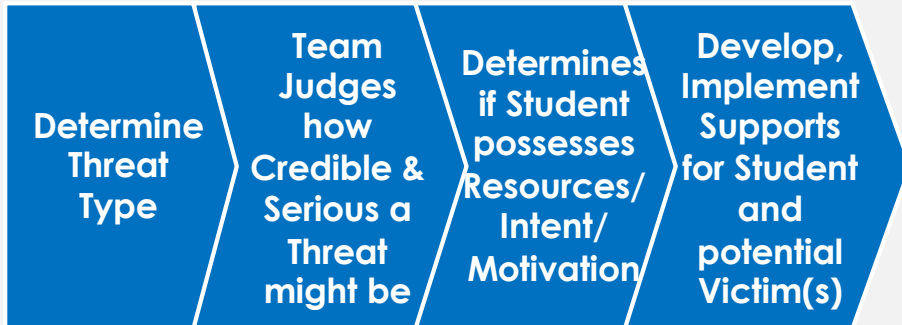
Provided to all schools; several trainings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas since January 2019

State funding leveraged to hire 50 additional Counselors, Social Workers and Specialists

Referendum funding (~\$8 million) will be used to hire more across the District

BCPS is implementing significant changes to Threat Assessments

Best Practice Process



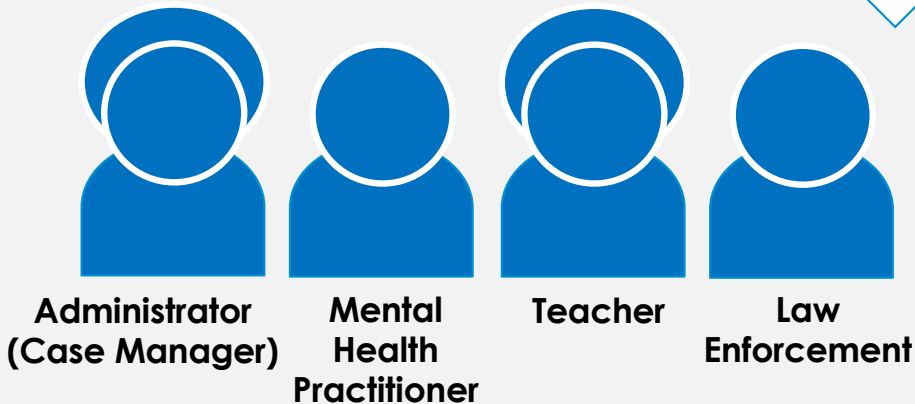
Updated Policy

Adopted March 5, 2019



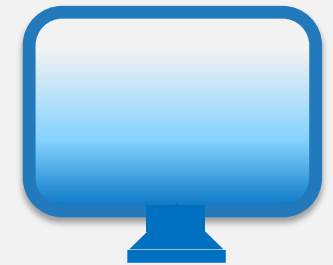
Codifies:

- Training requirements
- Accountability
- Monitoring



Cross-Functional Teams (at all schools)

- Enhances fidelity of implementation
- Enables real-time monitoring
- Provides integrated system for reporting, compliance, & accountability

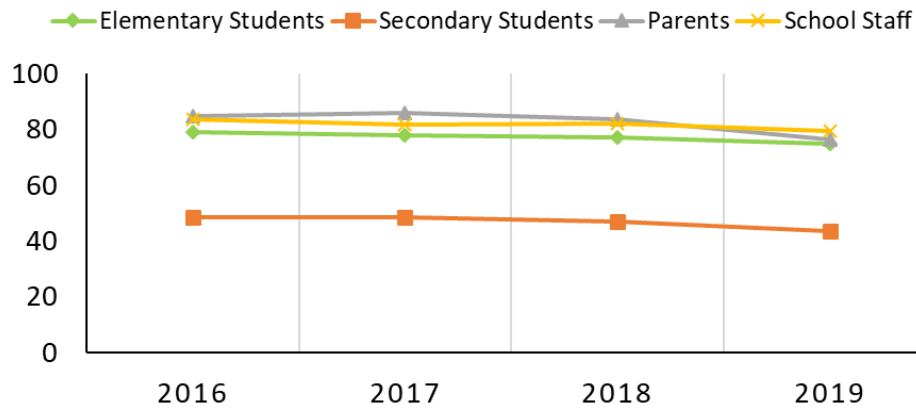


Electronic Data Management

School Climate

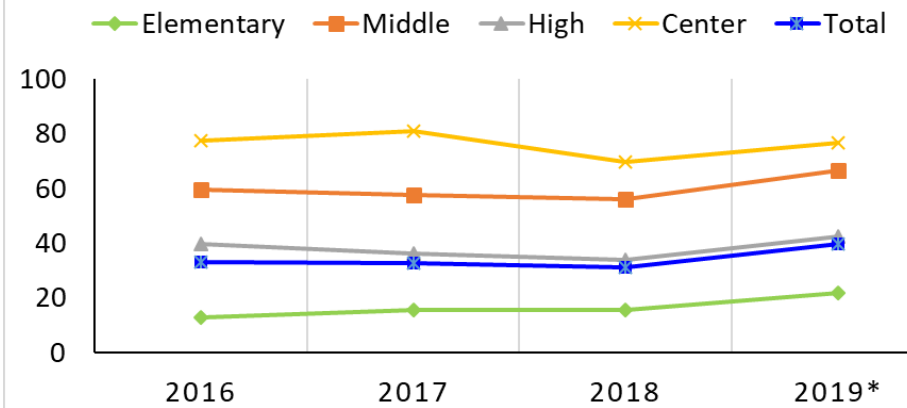
Observational Guidance (District-Wide)

PERCEPTION OF SAFETY & SUPPORT



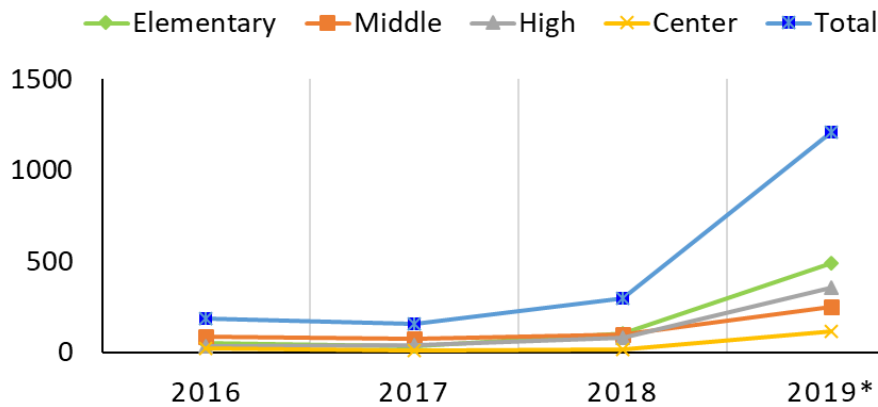
Source: AdvancED eProve (2019)

INCIDENT RATES



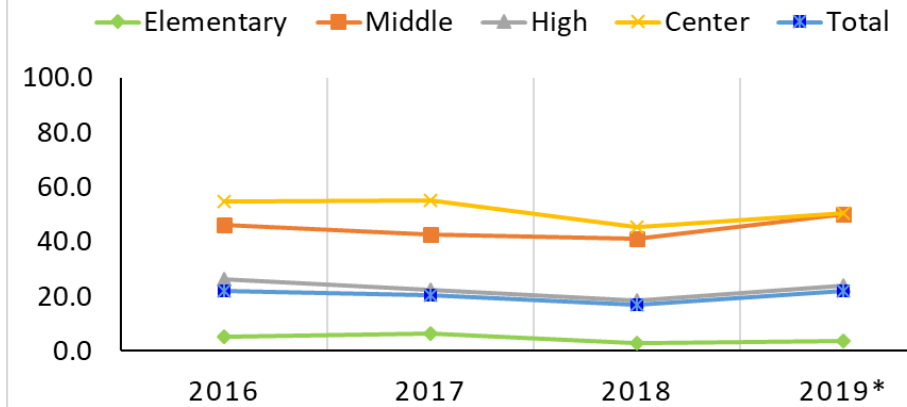
Source: Student Data Warehouse

NUMBER OF THREAT ASSESSMENTS



Source: Student Assessment and Research

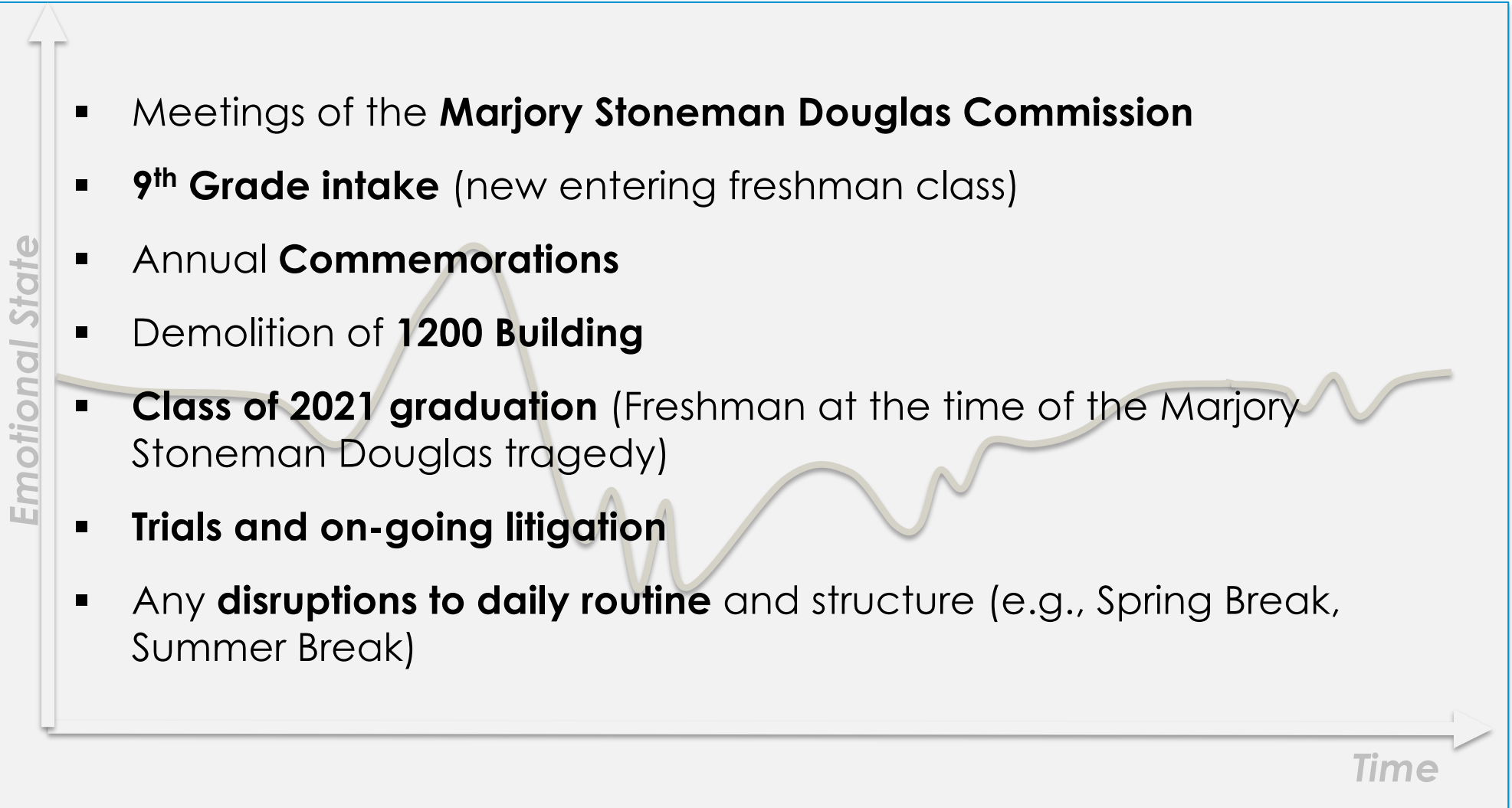
SUSPENSION RATES



Source: Student Data Warehouse

*2019 data are preliminary

Anticipated Challenges



Challenges and Actions Planned (or Taken)

	CHALLENGE	ACTIONS TAKEN OR PLANNED
Governance	Fluid leadership , with the departure of 3 of 6 work-stream leads and Chief	Drive stability through appointment of Recovery Project Manager
Clarity of Purpose	Shift from response to recovery , from MSD response and Commemoration planning to District-wide resiliency	Refresh, re-launch of recovery work-streams
Scope	Expansion of scope school-wide to District-wide	Align & resource via 2024 Strategic Plan implementation
Communications	Extensive support needed around strategy, internal/external messaging, medium, frequency	Embed communications across work-streams
Data	Data in silos and various formats makes it difficult to assess recovery progress	Address through new initiatives around Data Governance and SIS ¹

¹ Student Information System

2024 Strategic Plan



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2024 Strategic Plan

OUR VISION: *Educating today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world.*

OUR MISSION: *Educating all students to reach their highest potential.*

OUR CORE VALUES:

- S**tudent Focus
- T**eaching Excellence
- A**ccountability
- R**espect
- S**afety



OUR GOALS:

High-Quality Instruction | Safe & Supportive Environment | Effective Communication

2024 Strategic Plan: Support Services for All



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Campaign: Support Services for All

Initiative 2: Prevention, Intervention, & Assistance

Develop enhanced academic, physical, mental, and behavioral supports for all stakeholders which serve to improve academic achievement, student attendance, discipline and behavior, and District-wide recovery efforts.

Divisions: Academics; Human Resources & Equity; Safety, Security, & Emergency Preparedness; Strategy & Operations; Student Support Initiatives & Recovery*

Key Tactics:

- Increase awareness of mental and physical health and wellness for all to remove stigmas or other barriers to access.
 - Increase awareness, education, and support around nutrition, mindfulness, mental health, bullying, suicide prevention, and substance abuse prevention for both students and employees.
 - Provide increased access to Tier 1 supports for ensuring proactive mental and physical health and wellness efforts, for both students and employees.
 - Increasingly develop and leverage partnerships with local non-profit organizations to enhance short-term response and long-term recovery efforts where needed.
 - Leverage Collaborative Problem-Solving Teams (CPST) to conduct data reviews of early warning signs around discipline, behavior, or mental and physical health and wellness, to determine appropriate interventions and referrals.
 - Select and implement a dyslexia screener with corresponding tracking system to assess effectiveness of interventions.
 - Review and refresh the list of early indicators for at-risk student identification.
- △ Decrease process steps and time to deliver widespread messaging to stakeholders.
- △ Improve information sharing and coordination for ensuring continuity of care between agencies.
- △ Evaluate existing support programs and re-align based on site-specific needs at individual schools.

NOTES: * = Chief Executive Sponsor, △ = Continuous Improvement Idea



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Campaign: Support Services for All

Initiative 3: Social-Emotional Learning

Establish a unifying, District-wide framework for social-emotional learning (SEL), including best practices for program implementation, use of tools, and communication protocols.

Divisions: Academics; Portfolio Services; School Performance & Accountability; Student Support Initiatives & Recovery*

Key Tactics:

- Establish a unifying definition for SEL engagement and activities, a system to establish a baseline and monitor SEL at all levels of the organization, and a common framework for communication and service delivery.
 - Develop a common program for SEL support and core components, and provide a managed menu of options for content based on identified best practices.
 - Integrate Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) and Response to Intervention (RtI) within the SEL framework.
 - Scale education and supports on SEL to include District-wide staff as well as families.
 - Establish mindfulness as a District priority with consistently embedded time and expectation across courses, meetings, events, etc.
- △ Eliminate separate, divergent forms of curriculum for SEL.
- △ Streamline and centralize reporting structure for School Counselors to receive direction.
- △ Align District organizational structure and resources to support the new SEL framework.
- △ Scale best practices in peer mentoring programs, student leadership opportunities, and other extracurricular activities which support SEL.

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2024 Strategic Plan



Strategic Goal: Safe & Supportive Environment

Metrics:

- Safety Preparedness
- Perceptions of Safety and Supports
- Student Attendance
- Teacher Retention
- Professional Learning
- Student Behavior Supports
- Social-Emotional Learning
- Operational Efficiency

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Safe & Supportive Environment			
Definition	Level	Baseline*	2024 Target**
District's Progress on Top-Ranked Most Impactful, Accepted Safety and Security External-Source Recommendations ⚠	District Total	TBD	TBD
Percent of Positive Survey Responses Related to Safety and Supports	Students	59	72
	Families	84	96
	School Staff	82	99
	District Staff ⚠	TBD	TBD
	Community ⚠	TBD	TBD
Percent of Students with Attendance Above 90%	District Total	82	91
Percent of Teachers Retained in Employment with BCPS 5 Years After Hire Date	District Total	56	66
Percent of Content Area Specific Professional Learning Opportunities with Positive Impact ⚠	District Total	TBD	TBD
Percent of Students Exhibiting Improved Behavior (decrease in behavior incidents) After Intervention ⚠	District Total	TBD	TBD
Social-Emotional Learning Instrument Scores ⚠	District Total	TBD	TBD
Percent of Operational Efficiency Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Showing Improvement	District Total	TBD	TBD

⚠ Data not available or systems to be developed.

Our Ask

- **On-going support** for Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School:
 - Students, with focused support for those directly impacted by the event.
 - Staff
 - Administration
- Address **dependency on “soft” money**
- Successfully implement 2024 Strategic Plan commitment to **Prevention, Interventions, and Assistance** and **Social Emotional Learning** initiatives
- **Modernize data systems, data governance, and processes** for improved tracking of student data
- **Strengthen Alternative Centers** and similar programs to meet students needs

APPENDIX

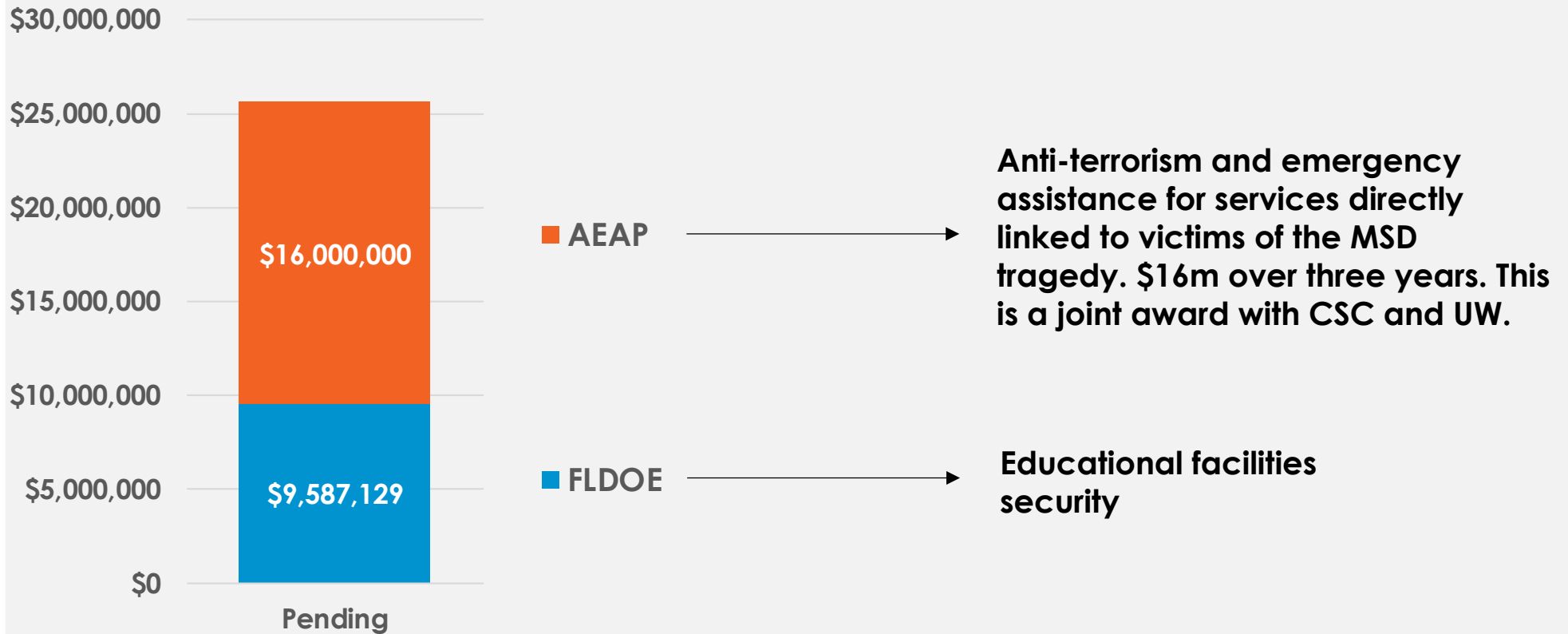
Grant Funds - Awarded

Grant Funding Sources (Awarded Grants)



Grant Funds - Pending

Other Potential Grant Funding Sources



Major Data Buckets

Academic

- Course Grades
- Progress Monitoring Plans
- Standardized Test Scores

Behavior

- Attendance
- Behavior
- Discipline
- Expulsion Abeyance

Support

- Response to Intervention
- Counselor Interventions
- 504's
- IEP Placements
- Mental Health Services
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

Major Findings

Academic

- Course letter grades increased in MSD Zone in Q3 and Q4 of 2017-18, returned to baseline in 2018-19
- Progress Monitoring Plans have increased at the secondary level in the MSD Zone
- Passing rates on the Florida Standards Assessment-English Language Arts Grade 10 and Retake Exam has decreased at MSD
- Passing rate on the fall 2018-19 Algebra 1 End of Course Exam has decreased at MSD
- Little change in PSAT and SAT performance

Behavior

- Chronic absenteeism has increased in 2017-18
- Although overall incidents have trended down, increase in drug-related incidents in the MSD Zone
- Overall, Expulsion Abeyance and Behavior Intervention Assignments continues to increase from year to year

Major Findings: Support

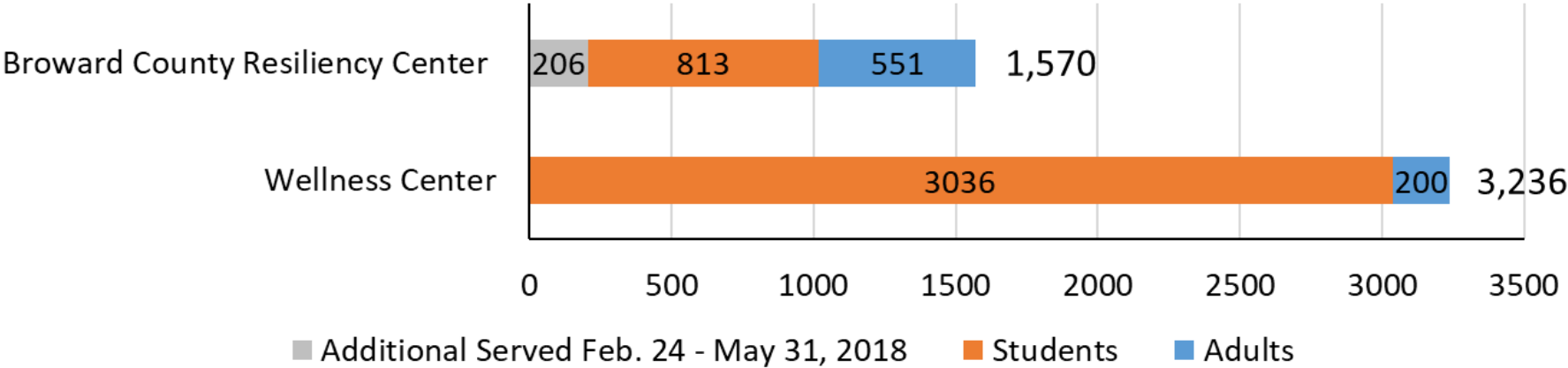
Support

- Reported School Guidance Counselor Interventions in the area of Academic Development at high school grade levels districtwide. Increased support in Personal/Social Development in MSD Zone elementary grade levels
- Students with 504 Plans increased at all levels
- Referrals for intervention have increased for Behavior, RtI Academic, RtI Behavior, School Social Work, and 3rd Party Mental Health
- Increasing trend in Medicaid Reimbursable Services
- Increased utilization of the Employee Assistance Program
- Initiation of Baker Acts rose for 2018 & 2019 (possibly due to process changes)

Data Detail

Support: MSD Community

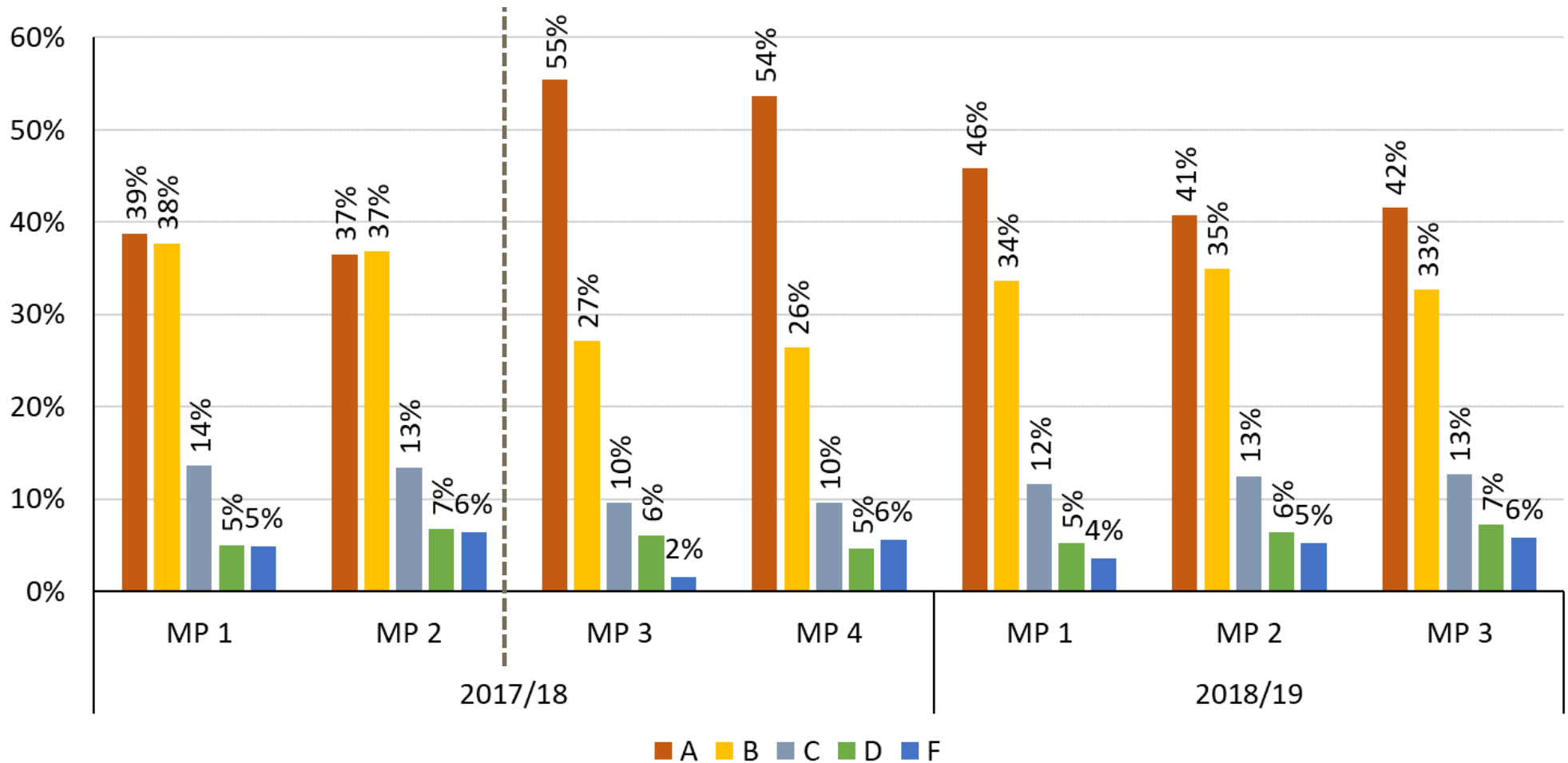
Services Rendered through February 23, 2019



Source: Student Support Initiatives
2019 data through February 2019

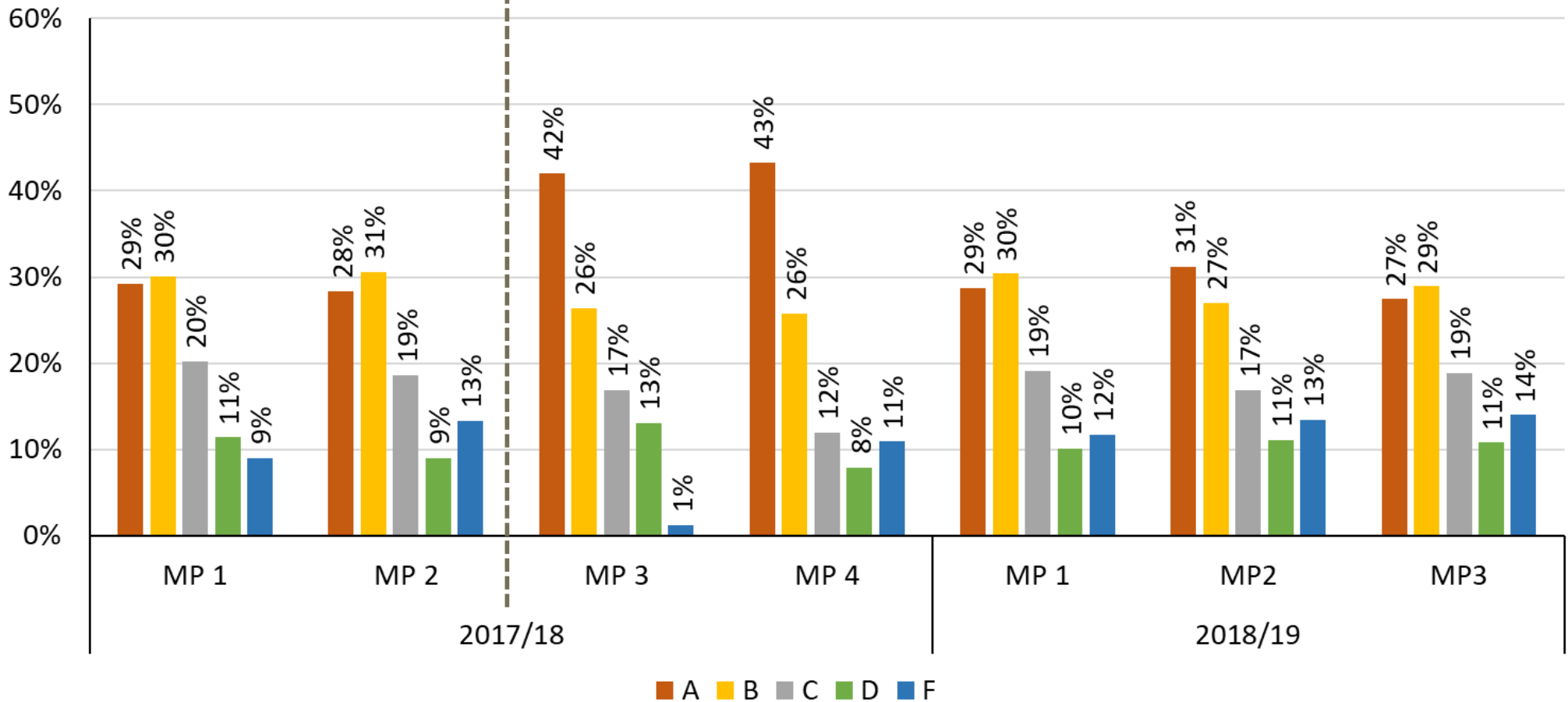
Academic: ELA Course Grades at MSD

Increased course grades post event and 1st marking period following year.



Academic: Math* Course Grades at MSD

Increased course grades post event same year, return to expectation following year.

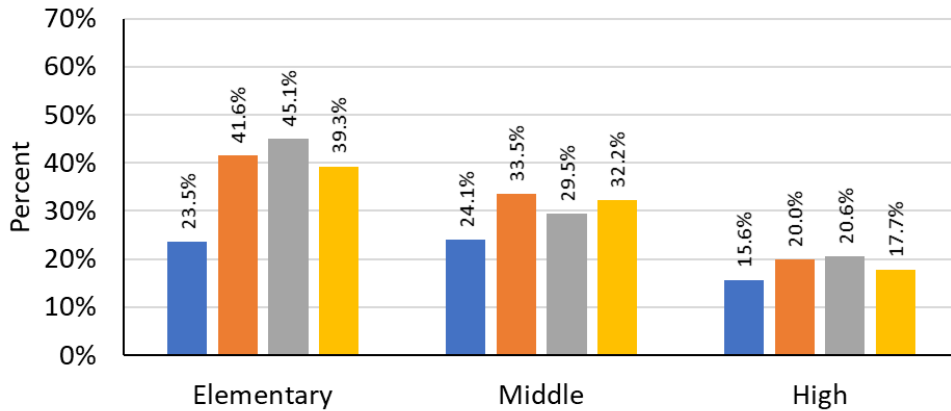


* Includes Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2, all participating students.

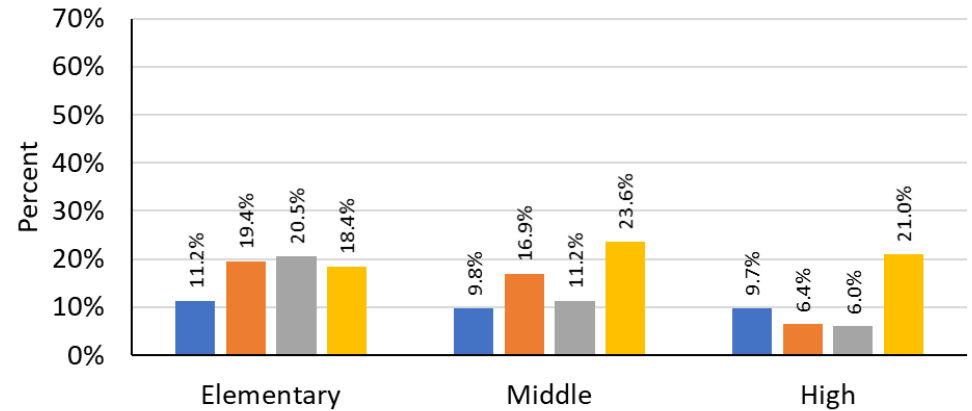
Academic: Progress Monitoring Plans

Increased PMPs evident in the MSD zone middle and high grades.

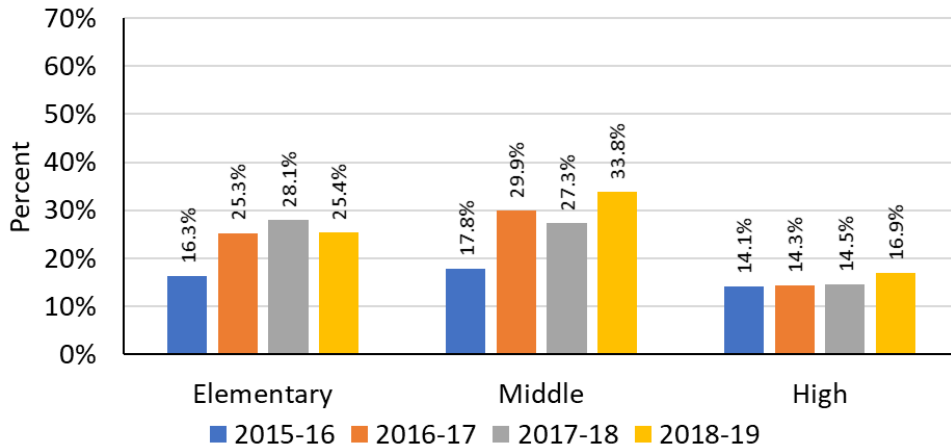
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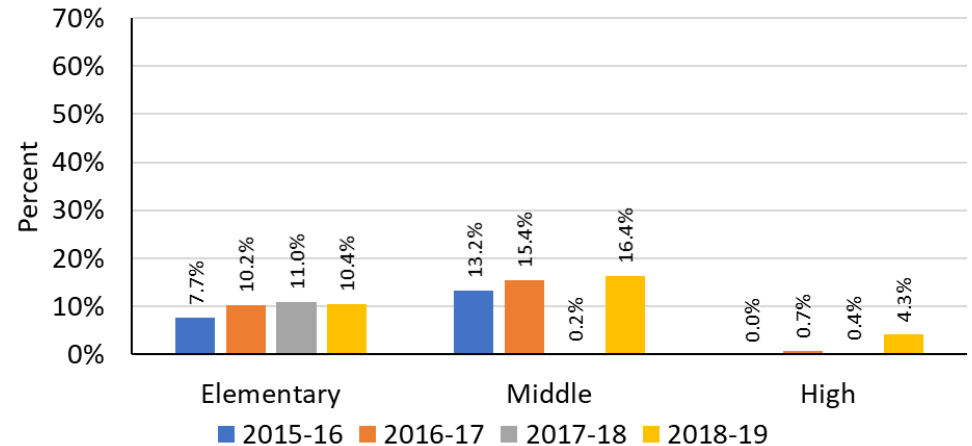
Progress Monitoring Plans for Reading, MSD Zone



Progress Monitoring Plans for Math, Districtwide



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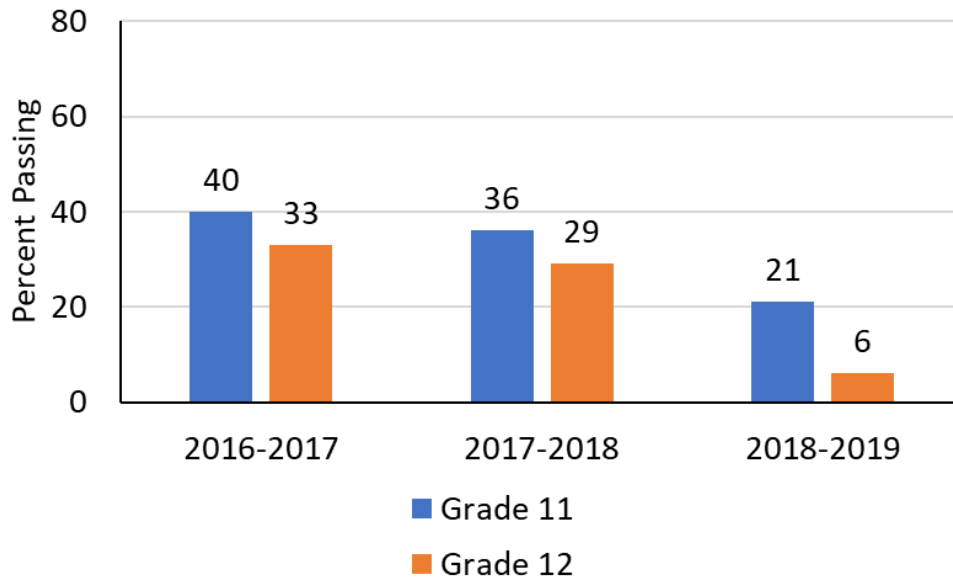


2018-19 partial-year data.
Source: BASIS

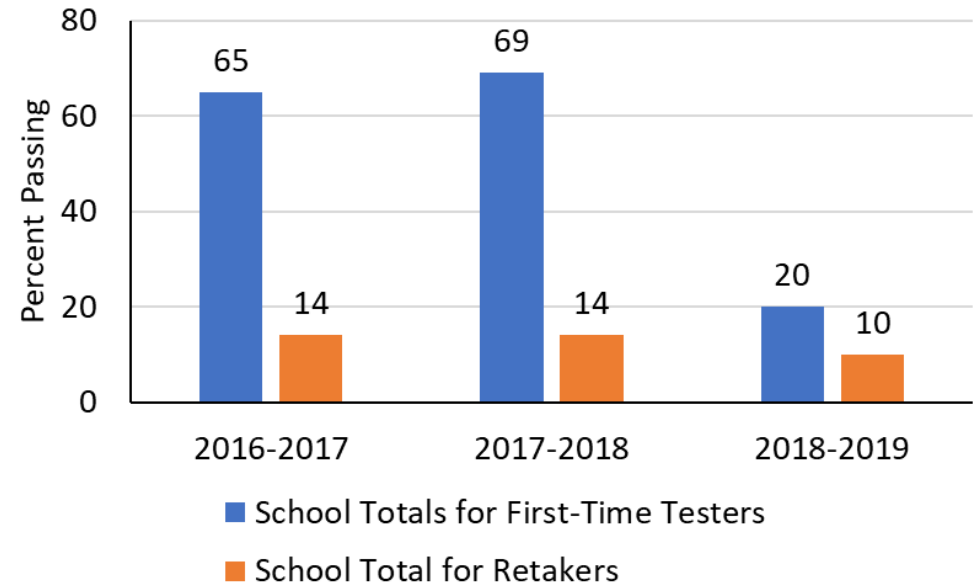
Academic: MSD Fall FSA-ELA and Algebra 1

At MSD, performance decreased for the fall ELA Retakes and the Algebra 1 end of course first time test takers and re-takers.

ELA Retakes



Algebra 1 Passing Rates



Source: Student Assessment & Research

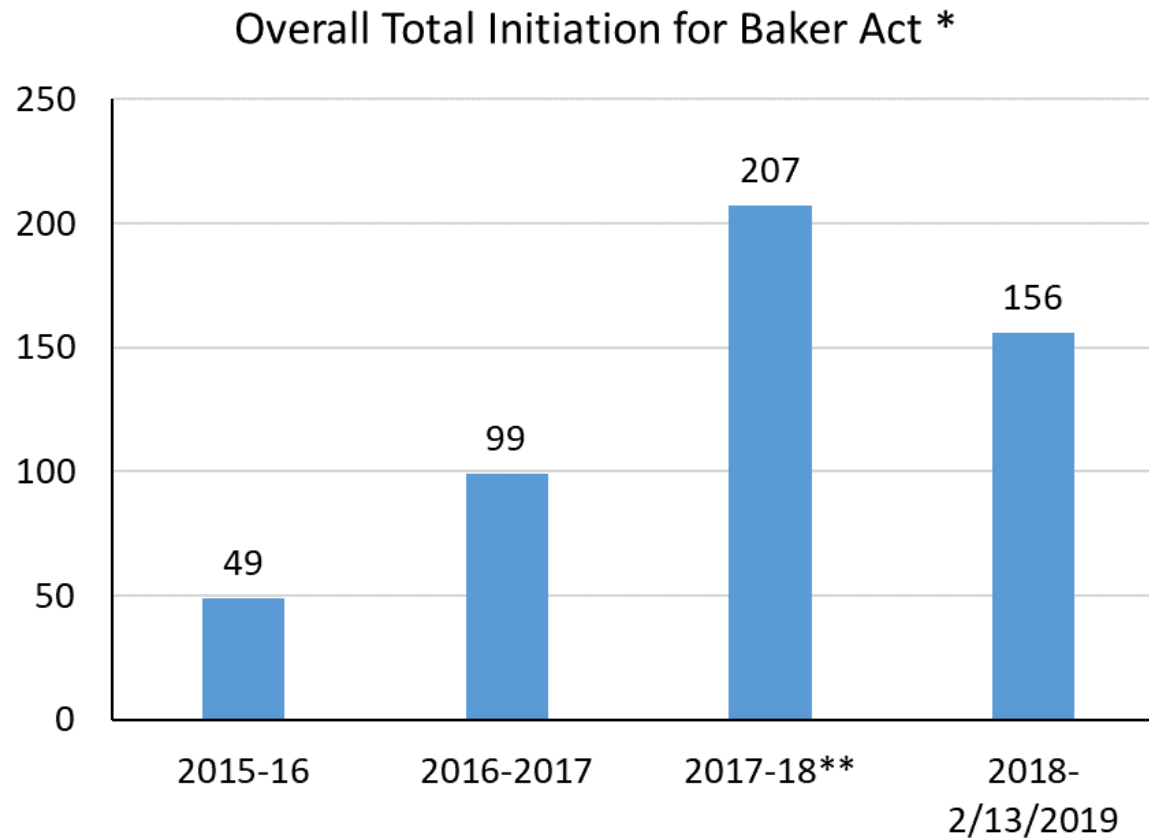
Behavior: Expulsion Abeyance

The number of students in expulsion abeyance has increased year to year

	School Year					
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19*
Substance Probationary Contracts						
General Education	37	54	31	45	30	13
Exceptional Education	4	14	5	10	7	3
504 Plan	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total	41	68	36	57	37	16
Annual Change		66%	-47%	58%	-35%	↔
Expulsion Abeyance Intervention Assignments						
General Education	173	165	187	209	223	256
Exceptional Education	27	62	50	54	54	32
504 Plan	4	1	3	6	7	2
Total	204	228	240	269	284	290
Annual Change		12%	5%	12%	6%	↗

* Preliminary data as of March 2019
Source: School Climate & Discipline Department

Support: Baker Act (District-wide)



* Note initiation does not mean hospitalization. The student may not be admitted to hospital once transported.

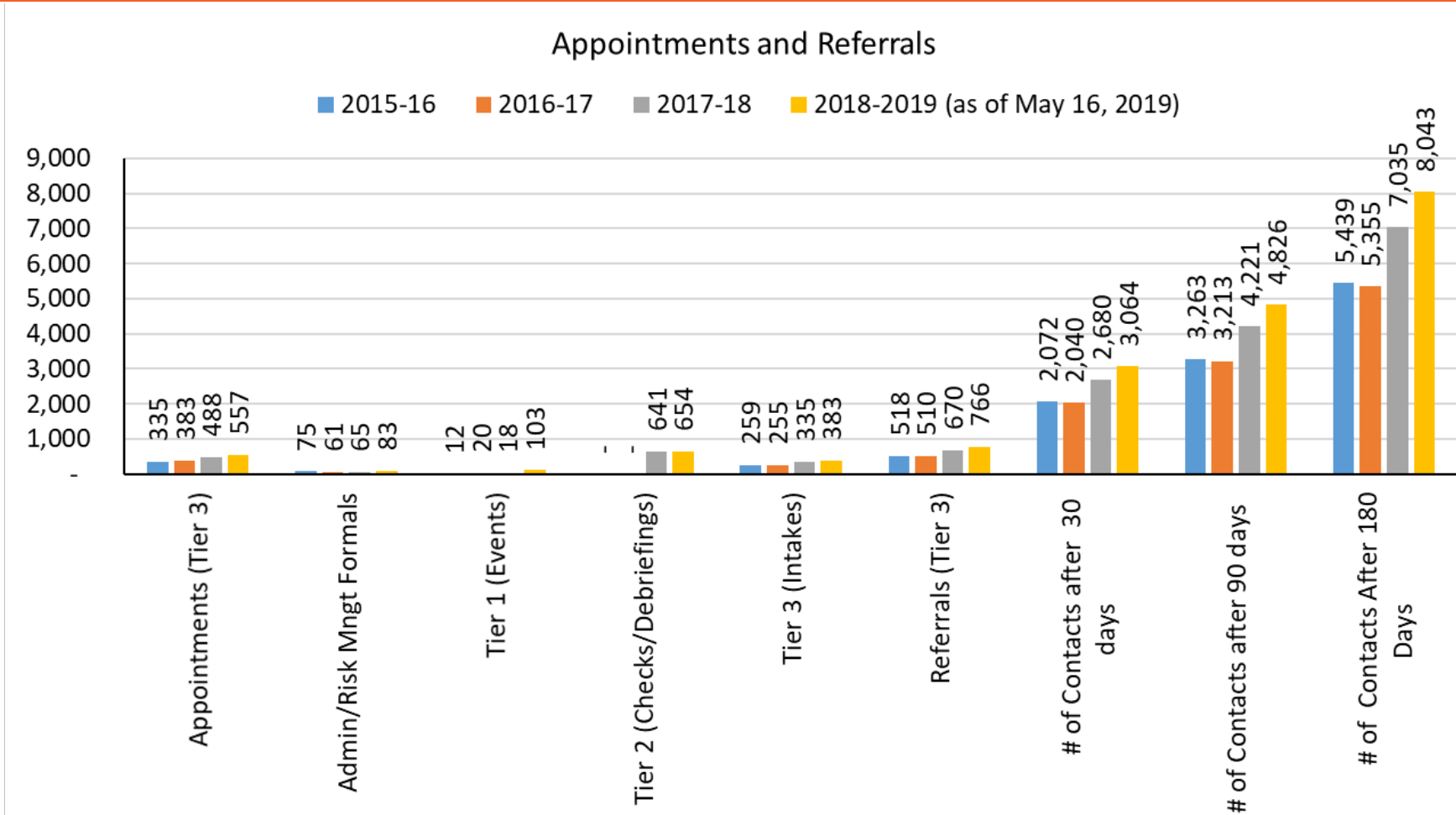
** Process for notification of Baker Acts changed after 2/14/2018 impacting the number of reported Baker Acts.

Support: Medicaid Reimbursable Services

Medicaid Reimbursable Services				
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Nursing Services	Students	475	595	627
	Services	1,130	1,838	679
School Health Related Services	Students	45	81	90
	Services	90	206	94
Consultation in Counseling	Students	13	9	13
	Services	14	12	13
Student Counseling (Through an IEP)	Students	2,558	2,723	2,489
	Services	4,418	5,025	2,494

Source: School Medicaid Office

Utilization of Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Benefits has Increased Sharply



- Utilization of EAP services increased an average of 31% in 2017-18 and another 14% in 2018-19.