



# Newark Board of Education

Roger León, Superintendent

## Annual Report to State Board of Education

June 5, 2019

Please note that this Powerpoint has been modified from its original version to be more accessible.



# Transition to Local Control

# Transition Plan Overview

- The Transition Plan is presented pursuant to *N.J.A.C 6A:30-7.2* (b) and (c) and *N.J.A.C 6A:30-7.3* (procedures for transition to local control and components of the transition plan). This plan delineates the terms and conditions for the return of local control to the Newark Public School District.
- The purpose of this Transition Plan is to document the process, actions, and commitments to be taken by the District, the Newark School Board, and the New Jersey Department of Education in order for the State to withdraw from partial intervention in the areas of Governance and Instruction & Program and to return authority and oversight over the District in its entirety to the local Board of Education.
- The Transition Plan is closely aligned to the recommendations of the Newark Education Success Board and with community input forums hosted in each ward.

# Transition Plan Overview cont.

- The core elements of the Transition Plan includes: Governance, Instruction & Program, Fiscal Management, Operations, and Personnel, and Fundamental Considerations.
- The Transition Plan focuses more heavily on the areas of Governance and Instruction & Program because these are the areas being newly transitioned back to the Newark Board of Education.
- The Transition Plan is monitored by and with the assistance and support of the Highly Skilled Professional who was assigned by and reports to the Commissioner of Education.
- The Transition Plan is accompanied by an Accountability Scorecard which will be used to track and measure the District's progress toward implementation of the plan.

# Transition Plan Timelines

- February 1, 2018 - The Advisory Board officially became the Newark Board of Education.
- July 1, 2018 – Appointment of Superintendent
- November 6, 2018 – Referendum on the classification of the Board as Type II (elected).

Length of Transition Plan: February 1, 2018 – January 31, 2020 with the determination of the completion of the plan based on the scorecard.

# District Current State

The Newark Board of Education is now positioned to transition to full local control, having demonstrated academic progress and noted improvements across the five areas measured by the State's Quality School Accountability Continuum (QSAC) evaluation system since the State takeover.

- Operations (2008).
- Financial Management (2014).
- Personnel returned by SBOE in 2016.
- Governance (September 13, 2017, subject to the completion of the Transition Plan).
- Instruction & Program (September 13, 2017, subject to the completion of the Transition Plan).



# The Next THREE YEARS

Strategic Plan | 2016-19  
Newark Public Schools



Priorities	4
Strategies	17
Indicators	64

End Date: June 30, 2019

Subcommittee Touch Points  
July 1, 2018 through January 29, 2019

537

The Next Three Years  
Strategic Plan  
SY 2016-19

Priority 1: Strengthen Academics and Student Supports  
(110)

Priority 2: Ensure Great Talent in Every School and  
Department (144)

Priority 3: Engage the Community (61)

Priority 4: Provide Efficient Operations, Sustainable  
Budgets and Skilled Governance (222)

## Priority 1: Strengthen Academics and Student Supports (110)

Strategy 1: Use a consistent, district-wide approach to instruction that helps develop students' college and career readiness skills

Strategy 2: Ensure all teachers have access to high-quality curriculum and assessments

Strategy 3: Provide more intensive supports for students who need them

Strategy 4: Create caring, welcoming schools that support learning  
Strategy 5: Strengthen Pre-K Education

## Priority 2: Ensure Great Talent in Every School and Department

Strategy 1: Recruit and select the best educators for NPS

Strategy 2: Continue to retain our most effective teachers and principals

Strategy 3: Provide accessible and practical feedback and coaching

Strategy 4: Raise the bar for excellence for ALL staff in NPS

## Priority 3: Engage the Community

Strategy 1: Adopt a community schools strategy

Strategy 2: Plan with the community

Strategy 3: Inform and engage families and community members

Strategy 4: Expand and better use partnerships  
Strategy 5: Strengthen transparency and accountability

## PRIORITY 4: Provide Efficient Operations, Sustainable Budgets, and Skilled Governance

Strategy 1: Assess, invest in and optimize usage of NPS facilities

Strategy 2: Find operational efficiencies while improving service

Strategy 3: Provide fair and efficient student funding

Strategy 4: Support the Board of Education

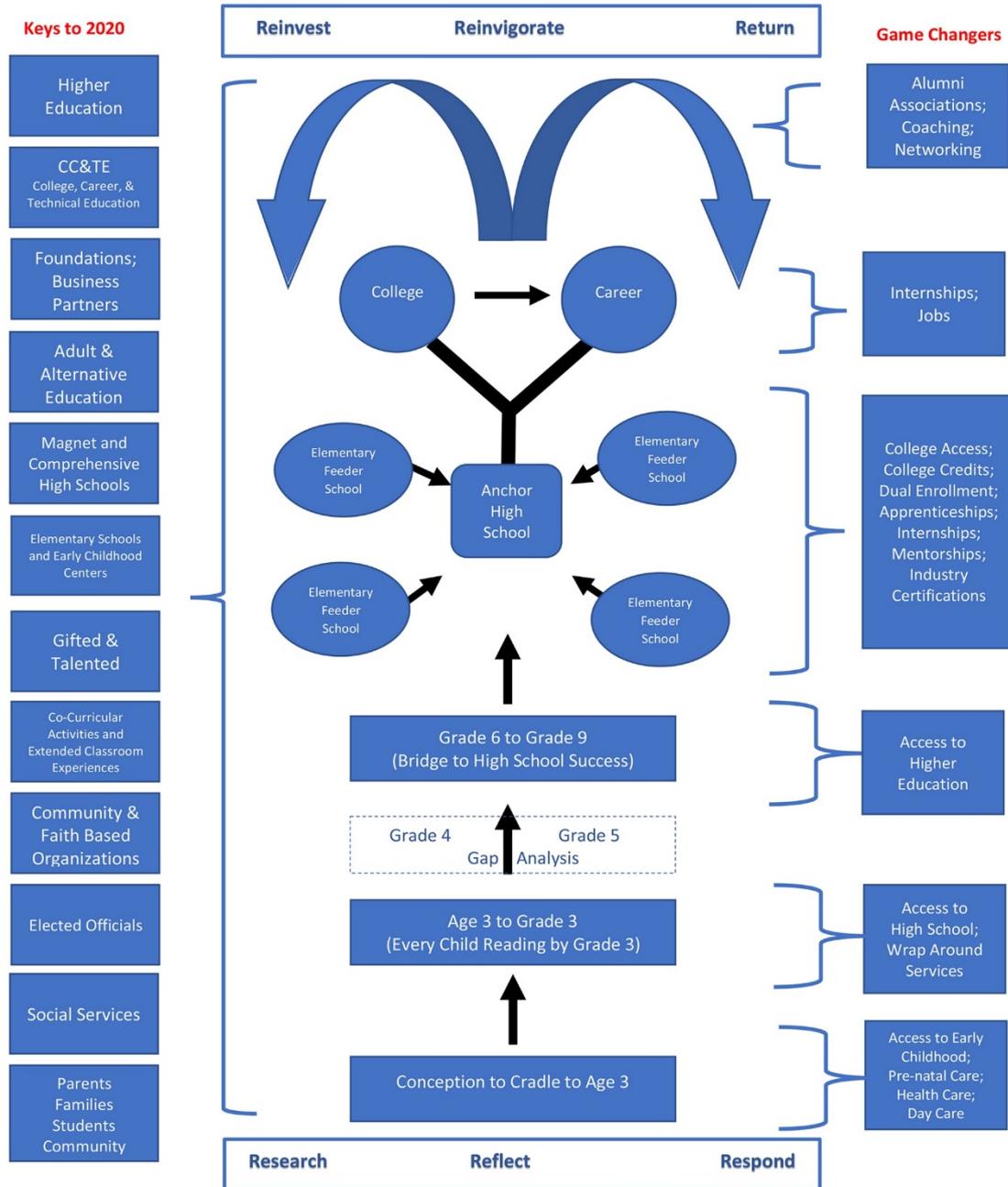
# NPS Clarity 2020\*

## Strategic Plan

Timelines: June 2019 – June 2020

One Year Plan\*

# NPS CLARITY 2020



# **The Next Decade: 2020-2030\*\***

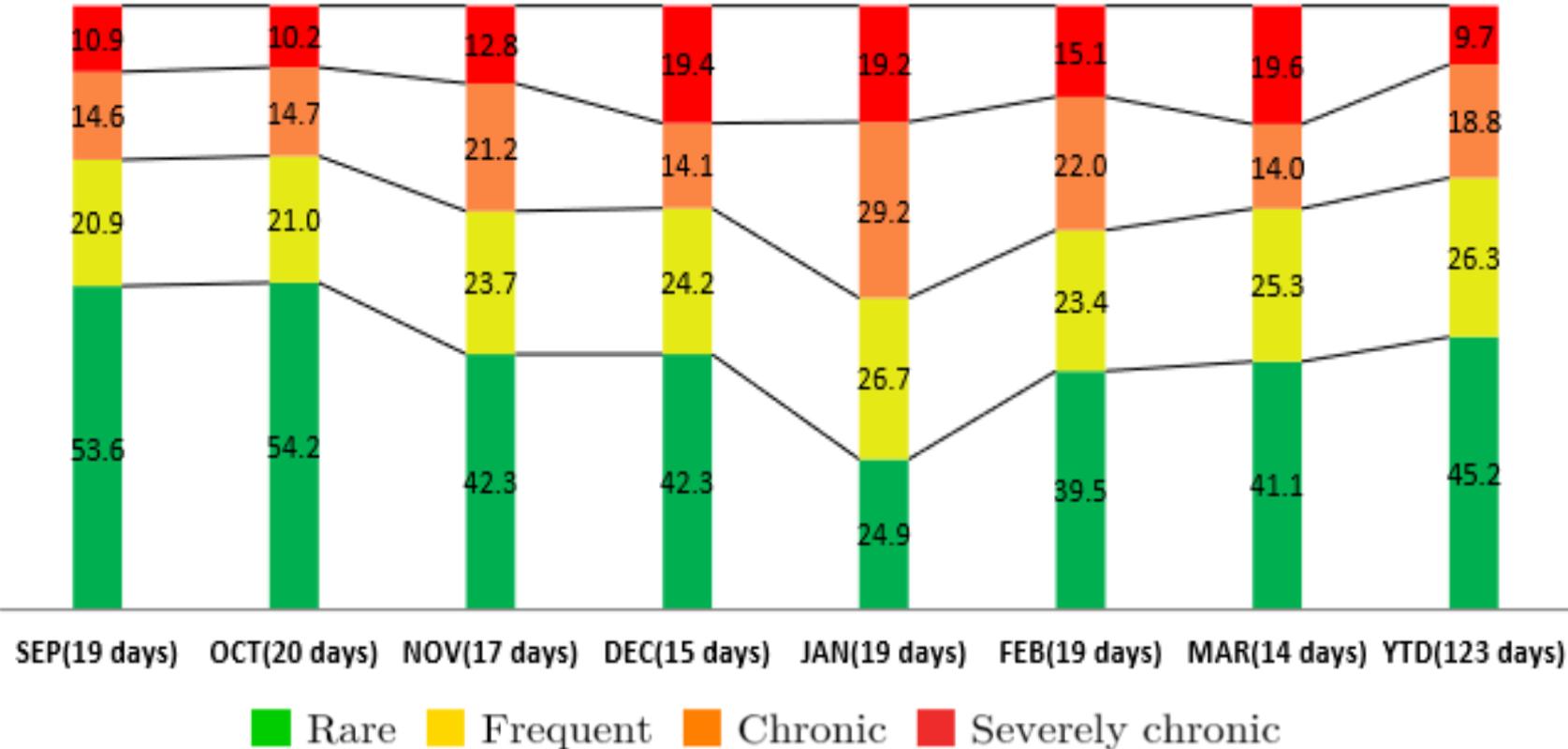
## **Strategic Plan**

Timelines: June 2020 – June 2030

Ten Year Plan\*\*

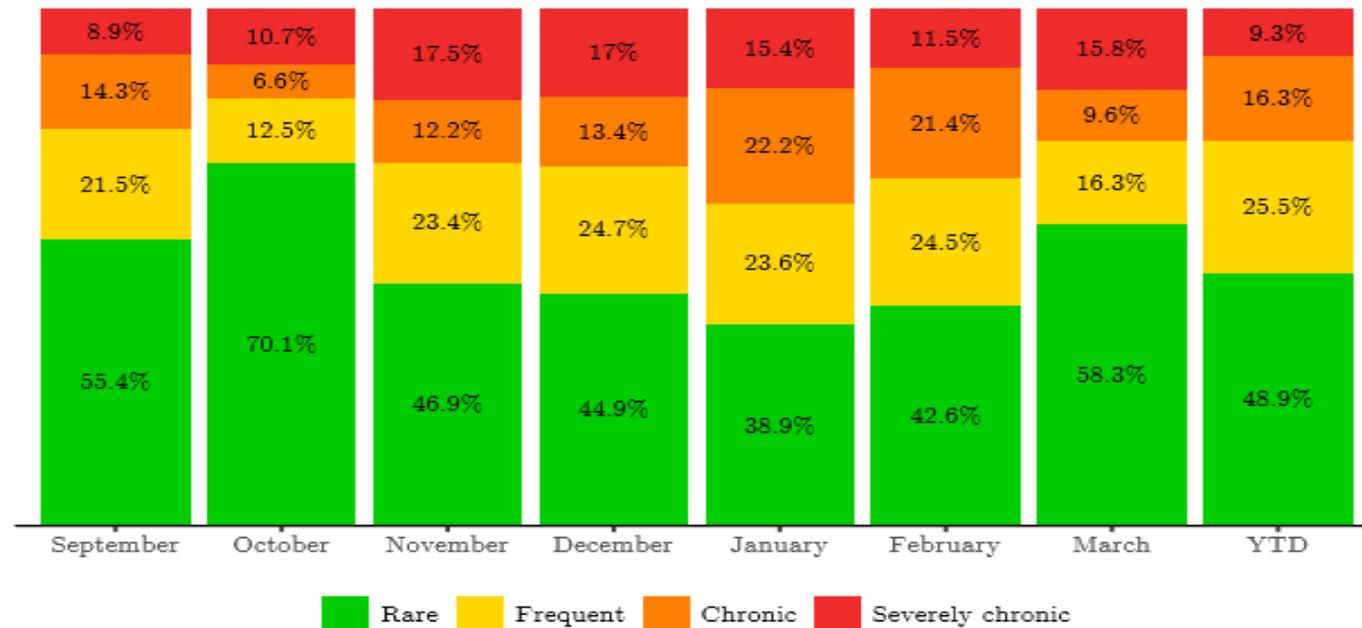
# Student Attendance SY 2017-18

Absenteeism by Month  
Newark Public Schools



Absence category	Proportion of days absent	March days absent	YTD days absent
Rare	$0\% \leq r < 5\%$	0 – 1 days	0 – 6 days
Frequent	$5\% \leq r < 10\%$	1.5 – 2 days	6.5 – 12.5 days
Chronic	$10\% \leq r < 18\%$	2.5 – 3.5 days	13 – 23 days
Severely chronic	$r \geq 18\%$	$\geq 4$ days	$\geq 23.5$ days

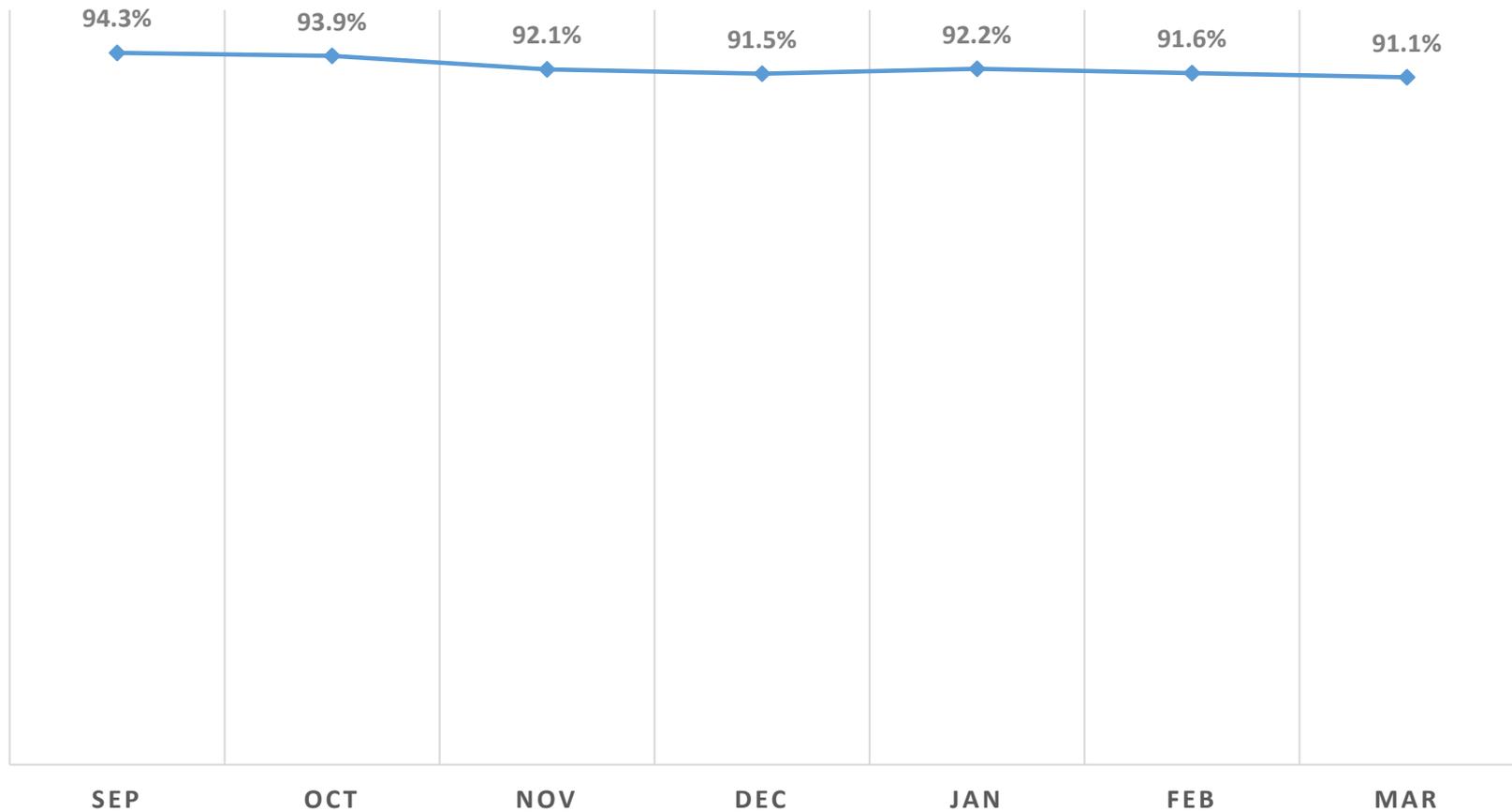
Absenteeism by Month:  
Newark Board of Education



# Student Attendance

## Average Daily Attendance

### SY 2018-19

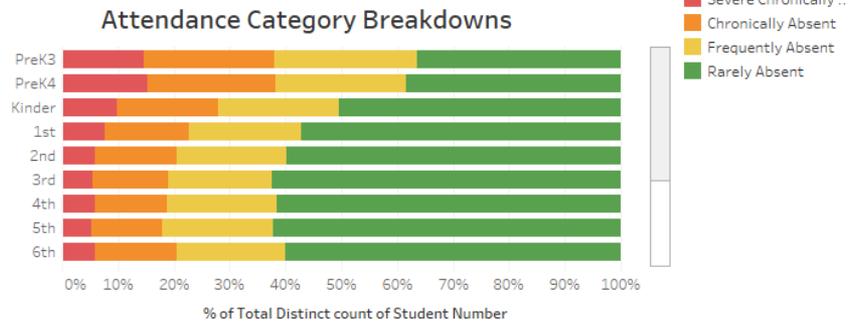
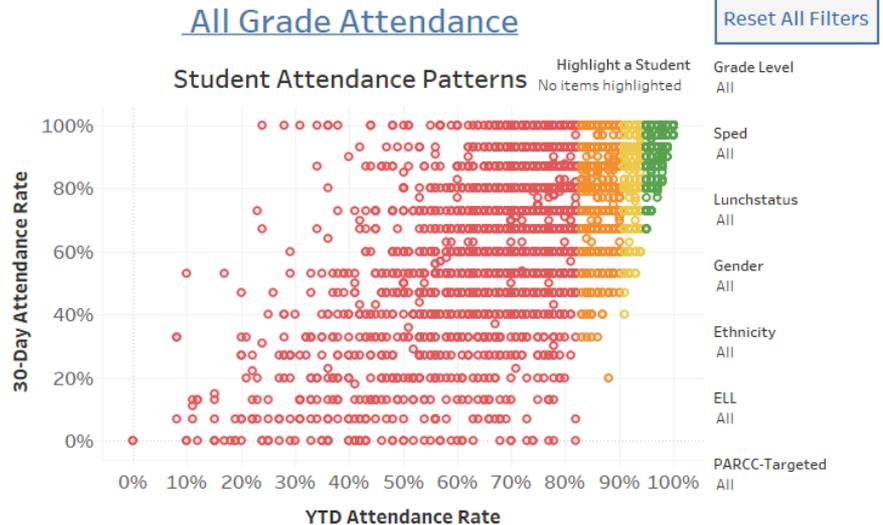
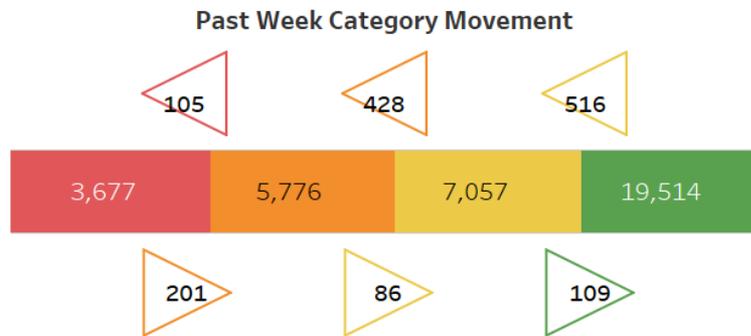
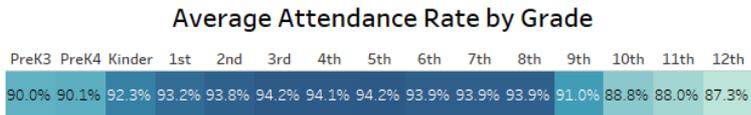


# Student Attendance Interactive Attendance Dashboard SY 2018-19

**All**  
Attendance Dashboard

School **All**      Network **All**

		Past 30 Days	Year-to-Date
School Average	Abington Ave	94.1%	95.2%
	American History ..	90.8%	91.5%
	Ann St	97.0%	97.1%
	Arts HS	93.5%	94.0%
Network Average	Early Childhood Ce..	84.9%	87.6%
District Average		91.3%	92.3%



# Student Attendance

## Interactive Attendance Dashboard

### SY 2018-19

#### All Attendance Detail

Average Daily Attendance by

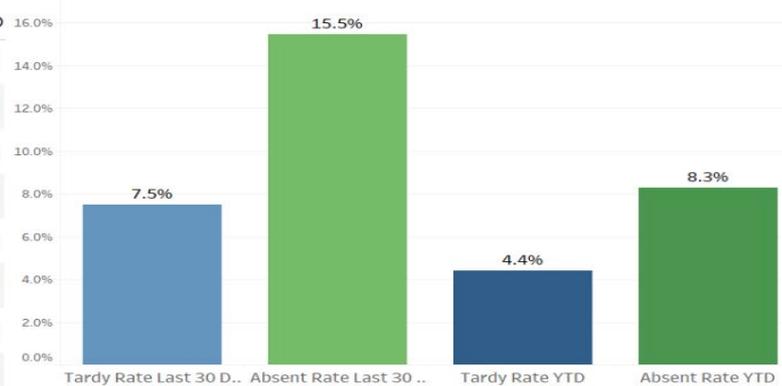


- [Reset All Filters](#)
- Grade Level: (All)
  - Sped: (All)
  - Lunchstatus: (All)
  - Gender: (All)
  - ELL: (All)
  - Ethnicity: (All)
  - PARCC-Targeted: (All)

#### Percent of Absences by Reason

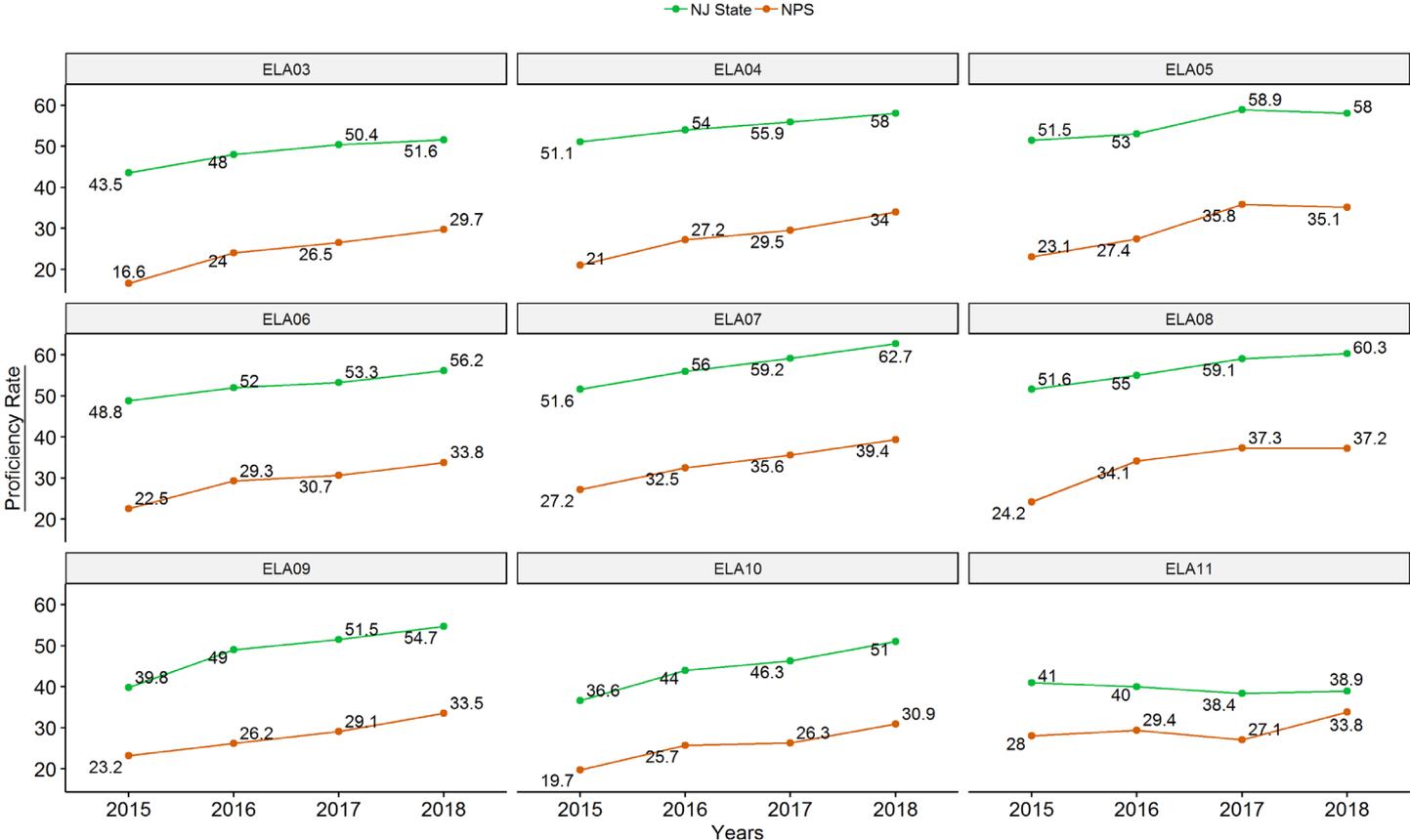
Filter by Student	Past 2 Weeks	30-Day	YTD
(All)			
<b>Avg. Absent Days</b>	1.5	2.0	6.7
<b>Unknown: Unexcused (1) &amp; Half Day (5)</b>			
<b>Unexcused</b>	90.2%	90.4%	85.5%
<b>Health: Long-term Illness (K), Short-term Illness (L), &amp; 504/IEP (M)</b>			
<b>Health</b>	8.2%	8.1%	11.9%
<b>Transportation: Transportation (N)</b>			
<b>Transportation</b>	0.1%	0.2%	1.2%
<b>Personal: Displaced (A), Bereavement (B), &amp; Court (D)</b>			
<b>Personal</b>	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%
<b>Safety Concern: Unexcused Safety (G) &amp; Safety Off-site Suspension (H)</b>			
<b>Safety Concern</b>	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%
<b>Meeting: Field Trip (I) &amp; In-school Suspension (J)</b>			
<b>Meeting</b>	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
<b>Half Day</b>	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%

#### Tardy v. Absent Rates



# Student Achievement PARCC-English Language Arts 2015-2018

Four-Year Trend, Percentage of Students Scored Level 4 or 5 on PARCC ELA: 2015-2018



Created by Lu Han on August 22, 2018; Data source: <https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/district/DistrictPARCC18Template.pptx>

# Student Achievement Interactive Assessment Dashboard: English Language Arts

## ELA Assessments Dashboard

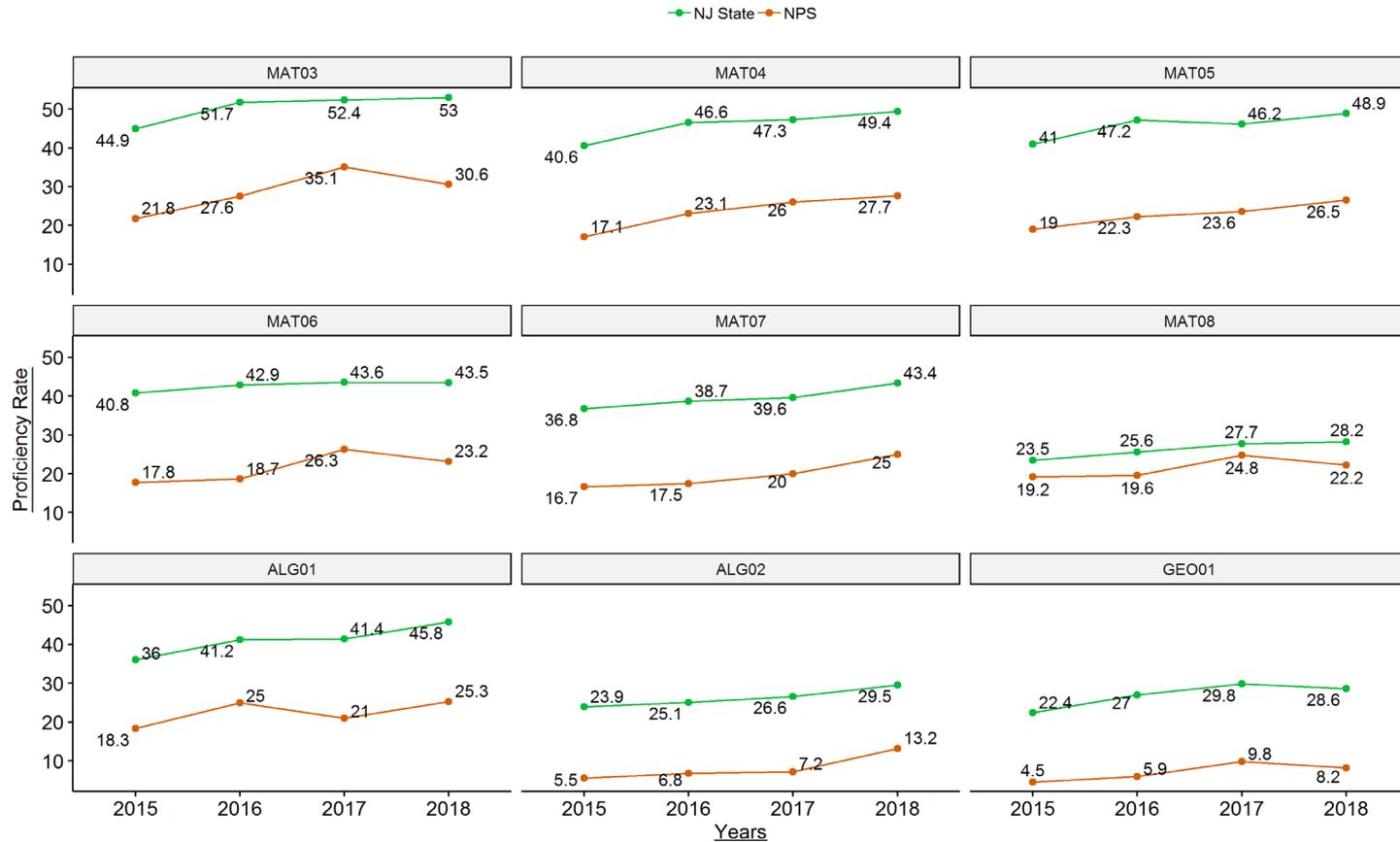
	PARCC '18					Interim 1					Interim 2					Active Student
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	Multiple values
ELA03	57.1%	26.5%	14.3%	2.0%		42.1%	31.2%	16.6%	10.1%	0.1%	14.8%	25.9%	23.0%	29.3%	6.9%	School All
ELA04	24.5%	19.2%	25.3%	28.5%	2.5%	11.0%	18.9%	30.2%	29.7%	10.2%	14.8%	22.9%	32.3%	23.8%	6.2%	Grade All
ELA05	17.5%	21.8%	26.0%	29.1%	5.6%	7.5%	39.3%	25.2%	26.0%	2.0%	6.3%	23.0%	28.4%	34.5%	7.8%	Teacher Name NA
ELA06	15.6%	21.8%	26.8%	31.9%	3.9%	9.2%	25.0%	21.6%	39.4%	4.8%	7.8%	30.4%	23.0%	29.3%	9.4%	PARCC-Target All
ELA07	13.2%	23.6%	28.4%	29.2%	5.7%	12.6%	17.3%	21.9%	20.3%	27.8%	18.7%	34.6%	22.4%	14.0%	10.2%	Teacher Name All
ELA08	17.3%	17.3%	25.0%	27.7%	12.6%	18.1%	31.3%	25.5%	22.4%	2.6%	11.5%	20.9%	22.2%	33.6%	11.8%	
ENG I	16.6%	18.3%	24.8%	32.7%	7.5%	16.2%	24.1%	31.6%	23.8%	4.3%	7.3%	23.7%	20.0%	34.5%	14.4%	
ENG II	16.2%	16.5%	26.0%	31.6%	9.7%	23.1%	23.6%	29.0%	16.1%	2.3%	20.6%	17.8%	26.4%	28.1%	7.2%	
ENG III	22.9%	19.4%	21.7%	25.1%	10.8%	8.6%	41.2%	29.9%	17.0%	3.3%	7.7%	19.7%	21.6%	30.8%	20.2%	
ENG IV	18.2%	17.0%	23.5%	30.9%	10.5%	4.8%	34.8%	29.9%	29.3%	1.2%	8.3%	40.5%	33.4%	14.3%	3.5%	

### Count of Students by Test

	PARCC	RI1	Interim 1	RI2	Interim 2	RI3	Reading Inventory 1				Reading Inventory 2				Reading Inventory 3				Students by Tests Below Benchmark
							Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	
ELA03	49	2,445	1,920	2,500	2,566	2,476	48.2%	27.0%	22.5%	2.3%	37.8%	29.4%	27.8%	4.9%	27.5%	31.0%	33.2%	8.3%	13.3% Students 0 Tests Below Benchmark
ELA04	2,393	2,562	2,474	2,632	2,677	2,594	50.4%	28.0%	18.4%	3.2%	44.6%	28.2%	22.4%	4.9%	37.2%	27.3%	28.1%	7.3%	13.9% Students 1 Tests Below Benchmark
ELA05	2,358	2,508	2,282	2,595	2,652	2,568	40.9%	31.1%	20.8%	7.3%	36.0%	31.2%	24.2%	8.6%	30.4%	30.7%	28.3%	10.6%	13.9% Students 2 Tests Below Benchmark
ELA06	2,376	2,545	2,597	2,593	2,668	2,605	38.7%	35.2%	15.4%	10.7%	35.6%	35.6%	15.9%	12.9%	31.9%	33.4%	18.9%	15.8%	11.0% Students 3 Tests Below Benchmark
ELA07	2,295	2,463	2,538	2,553	2,522	2,511	34.4%	33.6%	17.5%	14.6%	31.6%	31.8%	18.8%	17.7%	28.1%	31.0%	19.1%	21.8%	12.6% Students 4 Tests Below Benchmark
ELA08	2,168	2,297	2,303	2,380	2,374	2,340	28.3%	33.7%	21.4%	16.5%	26.2%	34.0%	21.9%	17.9%	24.2%	32.0%	22.1%	21.6%	18.0% Students 5 Tests Below Benchmark
ENG I	1,550	1,663	1,609	1,704	1,497	1,565	26.7%	27.7%	30.3%	15.3%	26.2%	26.2%	30.9%	16.6%	21.8%	25.4%	33.7%	19.1%	17.3% Students 6 Tests Below Benchmark
ENG II	1,558	1,528	1,409	1,551	1,597	1,507	27.4%	22.5%	41.2%	8.9%	25.6%	22.0%	42.9%	9.5%	22.4%	19.4%	44.8%	11.5%	
ENG III	1,496	493	1,402	418	1,289	157	34.7%	29.4%	31.6%	4.3%	34.9%	26.1%	37.6%	1.4%	10.1%	21.6%	19.6%	6.1%	
ENG IV	1,129	10	1,178	3	719	3	80.0%	10.0%	10.0%		33.3%	33.3%	33.3%						

# Student Achievement PARCC-Mathematics

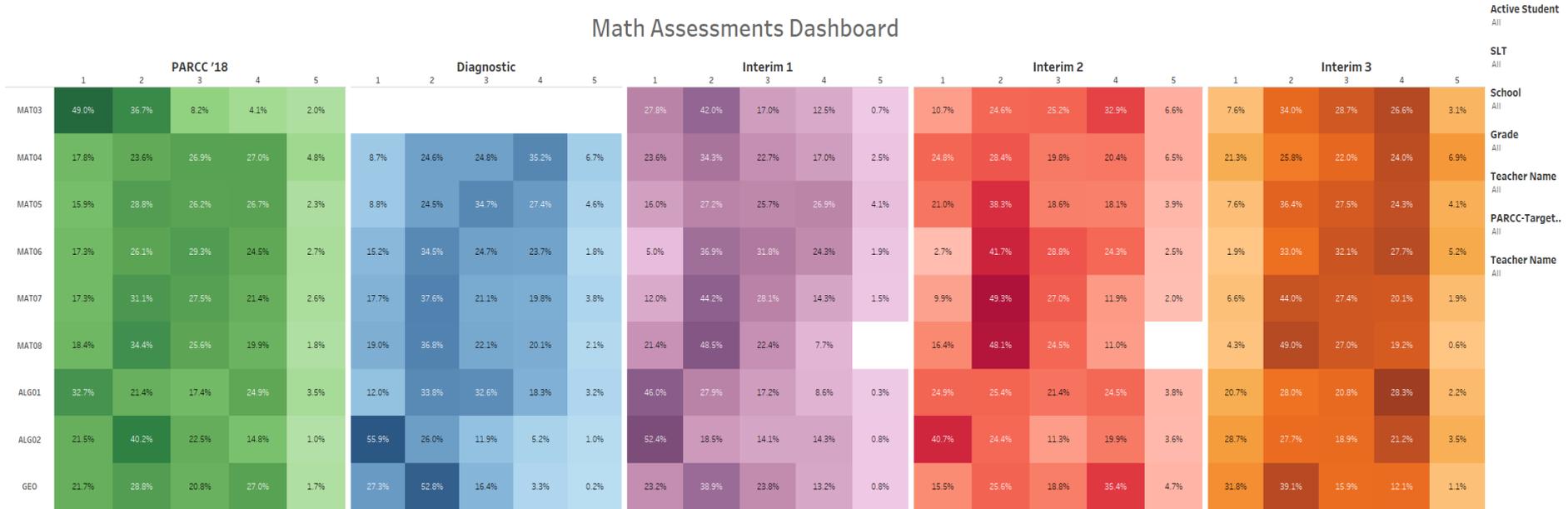
Four-Year Trend, Percentage of Students Scored Level 4 or 5 on PARCC Math: 2015-2018



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# Student Achievement Interactive Assessment Dashboard: Mathematics

## Math Assessments Dashboard



Active Student  
All  
SLT  
All  
School  
All  
Grade  
All  
Teacher Name  
All  
PARCC-Target..  
All  
Teacher Name  
All

Count of Students by Test

	PARCC	Diagnostic	Interim 1	Interim 2	Interim 3
MAT03	49	0	2,461	2,604	541
MAT04	2,445	890	2,675	2,686	2,710
MAT05	2,362	1,007	1,861	2,613	2,628
MAT06	2,427	1,148	2,625	2,642	2,641
MAT07	2,348	1,121	2,529	2,510	2,493
MAT08	2,072	916	2,105	2,238	1,950
ALG01	1,720	1,619	1,667	2,058	1,676
ALG02	1,635	1,398	1,065	1,843	1,497
GEO	1,798	1,534	1,688	2,070	1,619

Students by Tests Below Benchmark

10.7% Students
0 Tests Below Benchmark
11.5% Students
1 Tests Below Benchmark
18.3% Students
2 Tests Below Benchmark
21.1% Students
3 Tests Below Benchmark
25.5% Students
4 Tests Below Benchmark
13.6% Students
5 Tests Below Benchmark

# More Interactive Tools Are Coming

- High School Graduation Tracker
- School Summary Report
- Student Master Profile
- Budget
- Operations
- Facilities

# Facilities Needs Assessment

- Capitol Bond- These projects include: building envelope, plumbing upgrades, fire alarm system upgrades and replacements, generators, elevators, and HVAC (\$30.5 M)
- Schools Development Authority- Large capital projects include Structural Rehabilitation, Building Envelope, Roof/Masonry Rehabilitation, Roof Replacement, Mechanical System Rehabilitation (\$25.6M)
- Equipment Lease Finance- Boilers, Steam Traps, Steam Zone valves, Feed Water Stations, Fire Suppression, HVAC boiler controls (\$4.2M).
- Energy Savings Incentive Program- These projects consist of boilers, LED lights and boiler controls (\$12.7M)
- Solar Power Purchase Agreement- Roof replacement and solar installations (\$4.6M)
- Major Interior Renovations (\$3M)

# Operations

- Budget FY 2019-20
- Central Office (relocation)
- District Reorganization (Phase-in and Timelines)
- Newark Enrolls
- Curriculum Adoptions
- Gifted & Talented and Accelerated Courses
- Policies Under Review: Attendance, Graduation Requirements, Grading, Promotion and Retention, Game Point Task Force, Discipline, and School Uniforms
- Certification (Bilingual, Special Education, Sciences, Mathematics)
- Legal Matters

# Special Acknowledgements

Commissioner, County Superintendent and Teams

Mayor and Newark Municipal Council

Senators, Congressman, and Essex County Delegation

Newark Board of Education

Executive Staff, Principals, Data Team, Teachers, Faculty & Staff

Parents, Community Members, Partners and Stakeholders

Students

# Attachments

- Strategic Plan

<http://www.nps.k12.nj.us/mdocs-posts/2016-19-strategic-plan/>

- Transition Plan

<http://www.nps.k12.nj.us/mdocs-posts/local-control-nj-doe-transition-plan-for-the-return-of-local-control-to-newark-public-schools-12-19-2017/>

- SY 2019-20 Budget

<http://www.nps.k12.nj.us/mdocs-posts/fy-2019-2020-budget-hearing/>

- NPS Facilities

[NPS Facilities.pdf](#)

- Logic Model

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- Formal Presentation to the Superintendent

<http://www.nps.k12.nj.us/events/formal-presentation-to-the-superintendent/>