Attendance Improvement Pilot Program Update

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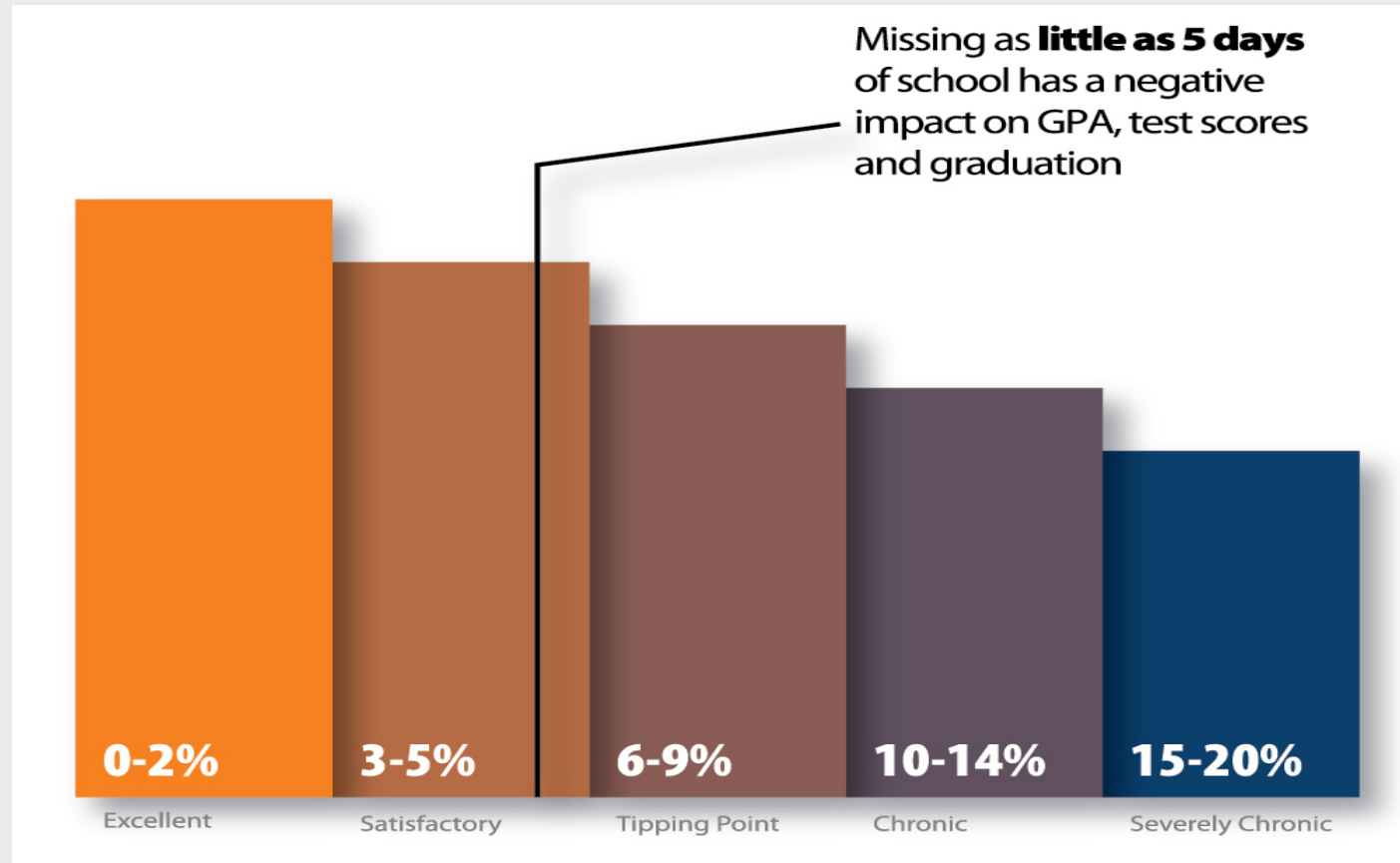*Don Gordon, Coordinator, Office of Attendance Improvement*

Why?

How?

What?

According to the Attendance Institute and University of Chicago

✓Attendance is the #1 predictor of drop-out and graduation rates

✓67% of course failures were the result of attendance

✓Both Common Core and daily lesson plans are built on the assumption of perfect attendance

✓College and Career Readiness – GPA and Attendance

ATTENDANCE SPECTRUM

Absences during a 180 day school year.

The Silent Epidemic: Perspectives of High School Dropouts", Civic Enterprises and Peter D. Hart Research Associates, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 2006.

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Pilot Regions

Florin High School
James Rutter Middle School
Florin Elementary
Isabelle Jackson Elementary
Samuel Kennedy Elementary
Anna Kirchgater Elementary
David Reese Elementary

Laguna Creek High School
Harriet Eddy Middle School
Elitha Donner Elementary
John Ehrhardt Elementary
Foulks Ranch Elementary
Marion Mix Elementary
Joseph Sims Elementary

Elk Grove High School
Joseph Kerr Middle School
Elk Grove Elementary
Ellen Feickert Elementary
Florence Markofer Elementary
James McKee Elementary

Valley High School
Samuel Jackman Middle School
Herman Leimbach Elementary
Charles Mack Elementary
Prairie Elementary
John Reith Elementary
Union House Elementary

Program Improvements

✓ **Retrofitted Portable Classroom at Florin High School**

  ▪ **Program Contact Information – (916) 793-2260**

✓ **Hired two new Regional Attendance Improvement Technicians**

  ▪ **Lamarr Jackson**

  ▪ **Wendy Crook**

✓ **Hired new Program Assistant (4/25/16)**

  ▪ **Chris Wilson**

Pillars of Pilot Program

- Paradigm Shift - Truancies and Chronic Absenteeism
- Educational – PSAs
- Consistency and Systematic Approach
- Improved Communication
- 3 Tiered Process

Pillars of Pilot Program

Truancy vs Absence Paradigm:

✓ **Punitive versus support**

✓ **Multiple Levels of Interventions**

✓ **Both District and Community Resources**

✓ **Removing the Negative Labels**

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Education:

✓ **Creation of PSA's**

✓ **Two target audiences (K-3 and 4-12)**

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Consistency:

- ✓ **Attendance Manual Review**

- ✓ **SARB Manual**

- ✓ **SARB Letter Issuance to student/families**

- ✓ **SARB Letter Appeal Process**

- ✓ **Update BP's and AR's**

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Communication:

❖**New Auto-dialer**

   ▪ **Uniformed delivery model (Elementary and Secondary)**

Tier 3 – AIO w/ Site Staff
(5% of students)

1. Home Visit w/ (AIO Home Visit)
   a. AIO Staff
   b. Sheriff's Deputy
   c. Probation Officer
2. Truancy Court (AIO Truancy Court)

Tier 2 – Site Staff w/ AIO (10% of Students)

AIO II Letter (AIO 2 Letter)
SART Mtg. w/ Contract (AIO SART MTG)
  Referral for Services (AIO Referral)
  Alt. Ed. Referral (AIO Referral)
  Attend PACT Mtg. (AIO PACT MTG)
Certified Letter to Family (AIO 3 Letter)

Trigger to Tier III
All steps in Tier II must be completed and documented in SISweb under Intervention Screen.

Tier 1 – Site Staff
(85% of students)

1. Site Staff monitor attendance data w/ oversight from SARB Staff
2. AIOI Letter sent to family (AIO 1 Letter)
3. New Auto-Dialer
4. Site Intervention Process
   a. Documented Parent Contact (AIO Site Parent Contact)
   b. 1x1 Student Conference (AIO Site Student Conference)
   c. Appropriate Referral(s) (AIO Referral)

Trigger to Tier II
All steps in Tier I must be completed and documented in SISweb under Intervention Screen.

NOTE: Please follow intervention codes located in the parenthesis when documenting on SISweb.

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3 Tiered Pyramid:

❖ AIO Health Services – 60

❖ AIO Site Parent Contact – 936

❖ AIO Student Contact – 87

❖ AIO Referral – 7

❖ AIO SART Meeting – 87

❖ AIO PACT Meeting – 1500 +/- (4 meetings)

Assessment of Program

Comprehensive Approach with 3 Research Questions:

1. Is the pilot program associated with improved attendance and academic outcomes?

2. Is increased implementation of the AIO RTI associated with improved attendance and academic performance?

3. Is use of AIO interventions associated with improved attendance?