

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

ON

Attendance and Behavior

April 14, 2025

Background Information:

Harford County Public Schools has a strong focus on addressing the attendance and behavior of its students. To this end, several new initiatives have been put in place to increase attendance and decrease behavioral incidents. The data in this presentation shows that the system has made great gains in both of these areas.

Discussion:

Over the past several school years, HCPS has made significant gains in reducing the chronic absenteeism of its students. Since the 2021-22 school year, there has been a 9% reduction in chronic absenteeism. In addition, HCPS students attend school regularly at a rate higher than the state average. HCPS has the 5th lowest chronic absenteeism rate in the state of Maryland.

Additionally, the system has also made gains in reducing the number of behavioral incidents of students across the school system. Since the 2021-22 school year, behavioral incidents have been reduced, and as a result, less students are suspended and are attending school more regularly. Several initiatives have been put in place to address this area of need and will be discussed during this presentation.

Attachments:

1. Data presentation on the attendance and behavior of students in Harford County Public Schools.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board review the data provided in this presentation.