



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
PHILADELPHIA

# Superintendent Opening Remarks

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Superintendent

April 24, 2025

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# Agenda

- **District Recognitions**
- **Conditions for Success**
- **Questions**



# District Recognition



CONGRATULATIONS



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APRIL

WORLD  
**AUTISM**  
AWARENESS  
DAY



# World Health Day 2025



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April is  
**Financial  
Literacy  
Month**



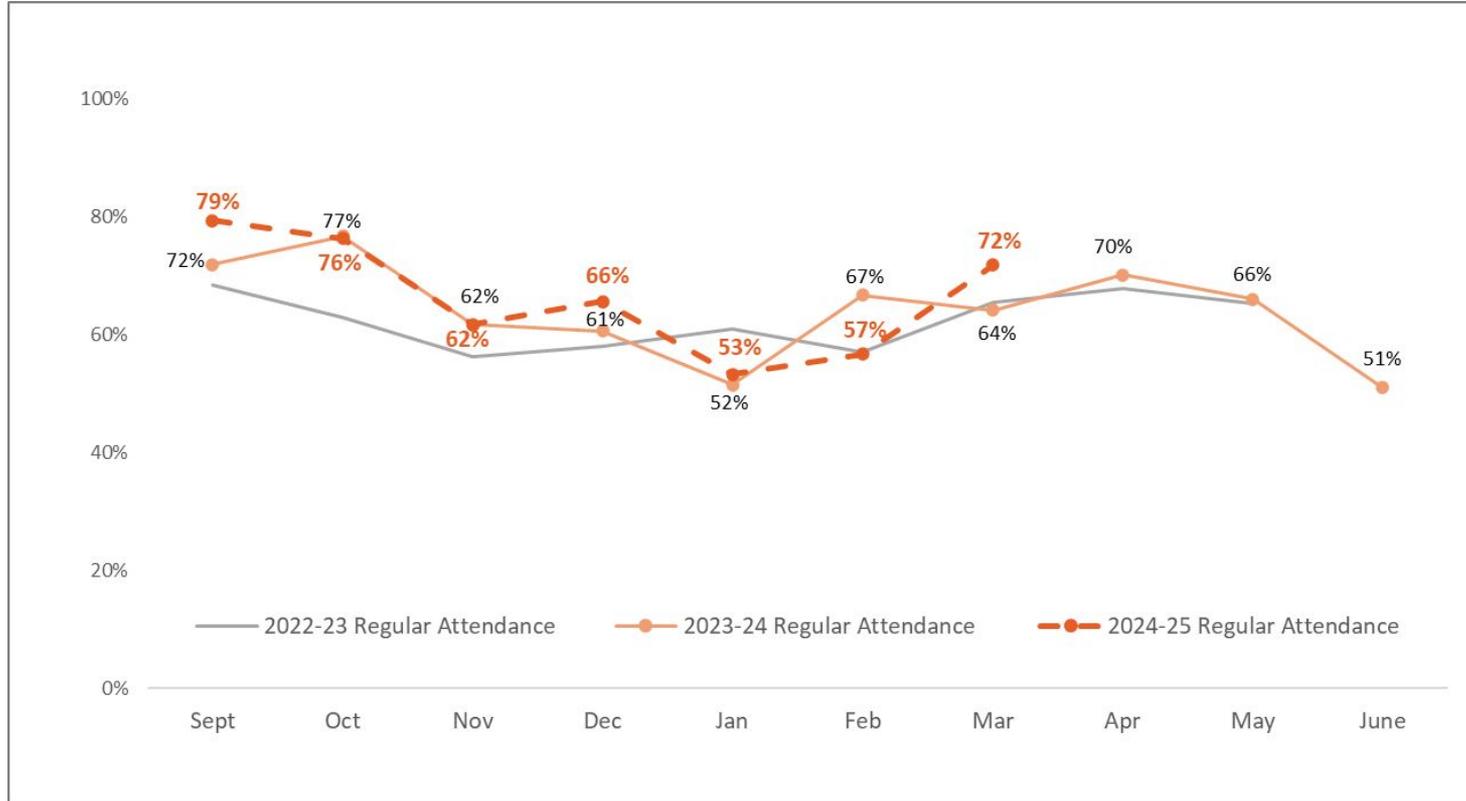
A photograph of a classroom scene. A female teacher with dark hair, wearing a blue denim dress, stands on the right side of the frame, smiling warmly. She is holding a light-colored clipboard and a white marker. In the foreground and middle ground, several young students are seated at desks. One girl in the center has her hand raised high, and another boy next to her also has his hand raised. Other students in the background are also raising their hands. The classroom is decorated with educational materials, including a large colorful alphabet banner (Aa-Zz) on the wall and a whiteboard. The overall atmosphere is positive and engaged.

# Conditions for Success

- Increase School Safety
- Increase Student Attendance
- Increase Teacher Attendance
- Decrease Dropouts

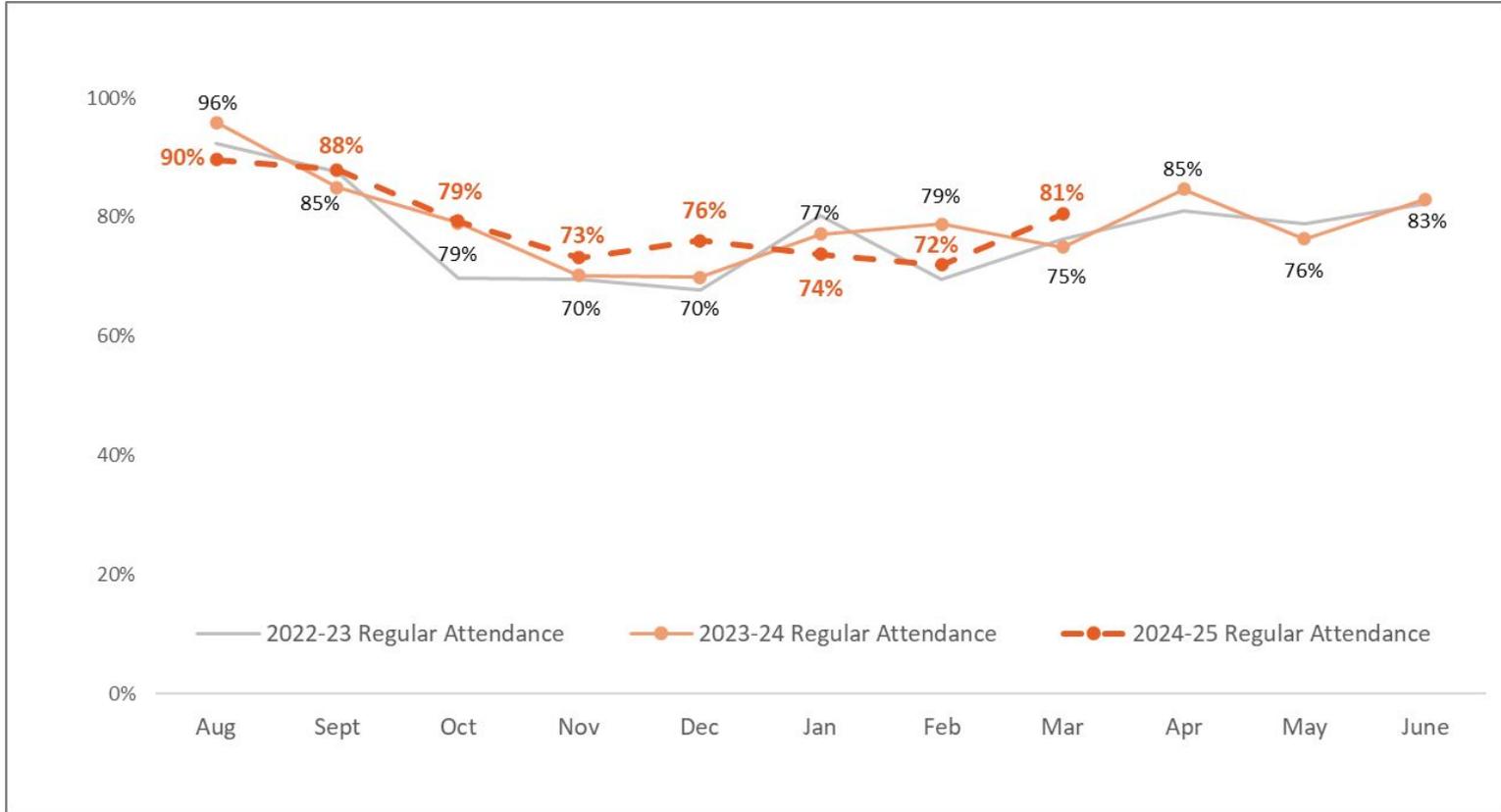
## District-Wide

# Student Attendance Within Month: 2022-23 through 2024-25



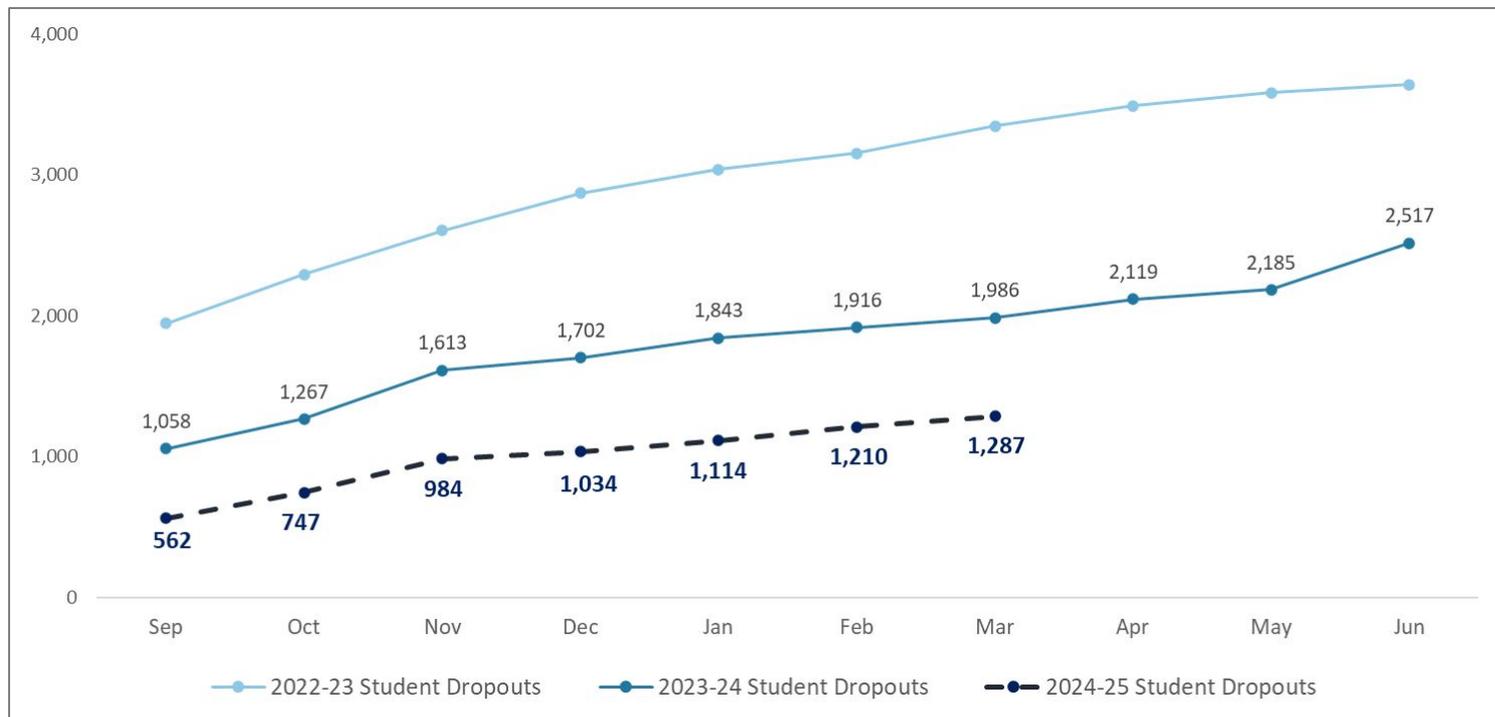
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Teacher Attendance Within Month: 2022-23 through 2024-25



## District-Wide

# Dropouts Cumulative: Grades 7-12, Three Year Trend Data



The cumulative by month dropout number includes students in grades 7-12, consistent with the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) “event” dropout rates reported annually. Unlike the annual PDE rate, SDP uses actual enrollment within month, as opposed to the October 1 snapshot enrollment at the end of the year. Students are attributed to the last location they were enrolled. These calculations include students in District, alternative and non-public placements. Students counted as dropouts are tracked on a rolling bases, so monthly totals may change throughout the year.



# District Update





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**Thank you and Questions**