COMMUNITY TRENDS

- Graduation rates overall, and among economically disadvantaged youth in particular, are higher than the statewide rates.
- The average dropout rate last year was about 5.5%, lower than statewide rate of 9%.

Despite this success there has been an overall increase in absences among economically disadvantaged youth.

SYSTEMS GOAL: Reduce chronic absenteeism

ATTENDANCE & AGRADUATION OF WASH TENAW COUNTY SCHOOL-AGED YOUTH

PROGRAM LEVEL OUTCOMES

This section illustrates the total number of clients who reported achieving specified outcomes, and the corresponding percentage of achievement for all clients working on that outcome.*

**Increased/maintained school attendance among youth who missed 10% or more days of school**

As measured by PowerSchool or report cards.

260

75%

**Increased youth showing academic improvement of at least one grade level**

As measured by a research-based and normed pre/post assessment for the specific area being targeted, to be chosen by the agency in the OCOE, DMC, or National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) as examples.

203

58%

**Decreased grades of D's/F's (or elementary equivalent) and/or maintained grades of A's/B's earned by individual students**

As measured by PowerSchool or report cards.

167

69%

TRENDS FROM REPORTING

Multiple programs expressed challenges with coordination of services between service providers and between school programs and the schools.

Increased/maintained school attendance among youth who missed 10% or more days of school

* Note: This priority area previously included the “21st Century Skills and Youth Leadership Development” program strategy. No organizations pursued this strategy, and it is no longer included in the Program Strategies and Outcomes for this priority area.

POLICY UPDATES FROM WASH TENAW ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

FEDERAL UPDATES

- Michigan was only one of five states that saw a decrease in reading scores on the National Assessment of Education Achievement test.
- Between 2003 and 2015 Michigan dropped from 29th to 41st in the country for 4th grades reading scores to 41st. That drop was for all students, not just economically disadvantaged or students of color.
- In 2020, the law requiring students who are one year or more behind in reading to be retained in 3rd grade will take effect. Given the current scores that law could impact 30% of 3rd graders. Even more startling it could require over 50% of African American students to be retained and 25% of economically disadvantaged students to be retained.

STATE/LOCAL UPDATES

- There is a sense of apprehension in the appointment of Betty DeVos as the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. Her support of charter, choice and vouchers that will provide federal funds to private and parochial schools has been met with mixed responses.

DEMographic DATA

Race of All WCF Participants (FIGURE 2A)

Race of SAY Grad Participants (FY17) (FIGURE 2B)

Breakdown by Income

Income of All WCF Participants (FIGURE 3A) 

Income of SAY Grad Participants (FY17) (FIGURE 3B)