



# Every student! Every day!

Increasing student daily attendance

# Increasing student's access to instructional time?



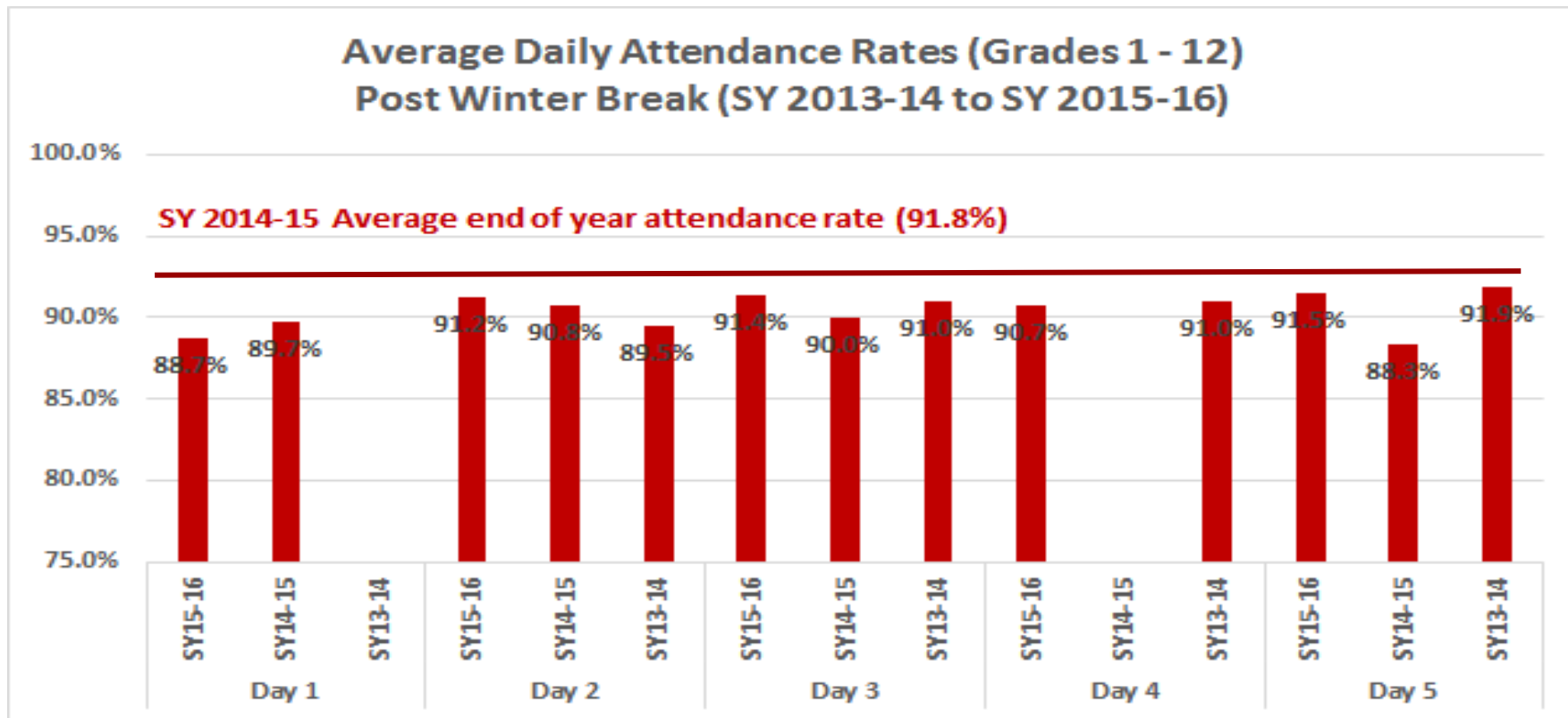
School success starts  
with attendance

**BPS students have 180 days of instruction per year.**

With financial and resource constraints, all of BPS has to be accountable for every instructional day.

**Leveraging every day** of that time is crucial in order to close the achievement and opportunity gaps that students are facing

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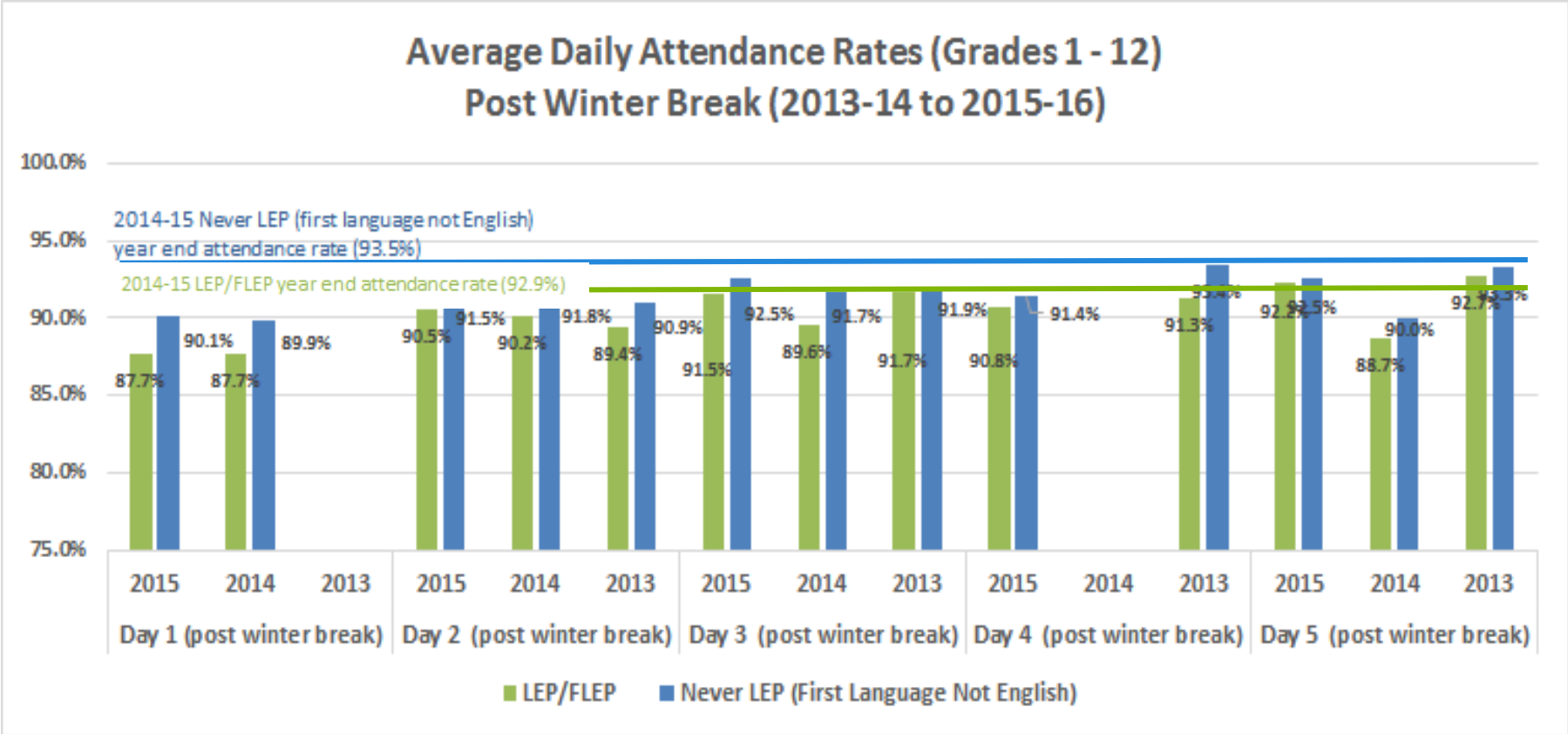
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Following a holiday break , BPS attendance has dipped to as low as 88 in a given year.



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# Where are we going?

BPS attendance data shows an increase in absences on the days after Winter Break ends in early January. For the most recent three school years, this increase in absences was approximately 3%, which translates to as many as 1,500 students.

**BPS is continuing to study whether these absences are more pronounced in specific student population subgroups.**

Boston Public Schools (BPS) continuously examines ways to provide improved educational outcomes for students. BPS is in the very early stages of studying and discussing potential changes to the school year calendar, and will engage with families, staff, and stakeholders during this dialogue.

## Questions that need to be answered.

What are timeframes when the instruction flow of the academic year is disrupted?

How does BPS revamp the calendar year to maximize instructional time and student attendance?

What is the cost to BPS when students are absent?

Are BPS stakeholders willing to think differently to increase student attendance rates?

## Join us

BPS plans to provide opportunities for public feedback regarding possible calendar changes and looking at how we increase attendance over the course of the year.

