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SUBJECT: Attendance Report Comparing School Years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009

Issue

Attached is secondary district attendance data from the last two school years: Data is disaggregated by school & grade, as well as by period truanancies and full-day truanancies. An overall district summary is also provided. Data is derived from Aeries.

Analysis

The data is not consistent at any level of analysis (grade or school): Truancy rates between grades at the same school site can fluctuate significantly. The percentage changes noted reflect changes from school year 2007-08 to school year 2008-09. Truancy continues to be problematic, as found in the 14743 full-day truanancies: This number reflects the equivalent of 82 students missing an entire school year. Though period truanancies do not necessarily reflect an impact on funding (as do the full-day truanancies), that data (244,610) reflects an equivalent of an additional 226 students missing an entire school year. A single school's data cannot be adequately compared with other sites, as the full-day and periodic absences differ even at the site level. However, truancy rates for full-day and periodic absences went down in both categories only at Dos Pueblos High School. Truanancies were also compared with enrollment (ADA), but there are no significant differences accounting for enrolled students.

Other

The SBSDs is entering its second year without a truancy program in place. This is unlikely to change – especially with the reduction in the attendance administrator's FTE at the district office. Site administrators have expressed increasingly vocal frustration at the lack of available interventions regarding student truancy.

Adams Elementary School Cesar Chavez Charter School Cleveland Elementary School Franklin Elementary School Harding Elementary School	McKinley Elementary School Monroe Elementary School Open Alternative School Peabody Charter School	Roosevelt Elementary School Santa Barbara Charter School Santa Barbara Community Academy Washington Elementary School	Goleta Valley Junior High School La Colina Junior High School La Cumbre Junior High School Santa Barbara Junior High School	Dos Pueblos High School La Cuesta Continuation High School San Marcos High School Santa Barbara High School Home School Santa Barbara
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Site Data by Grade

	Full-day Truancy		Period Truancy		0708 - 0809	
	<u>0708</u>	<u>0809</u>	<u>0708</u>	<u>0809</u>	<u>Changes</u>	
La Colina						
7 th	124	157	2763	2536	27%	-8%
8 th	131	318	3187	4001	143%	26%
La Cumbre						
7 th	73	120	582	1488	64%	156%
8 th	161	163	1319	2158	1%	64%
GVJHS						
7 th	239	298	2087	3564	25%	71%
8 th	223	346	2474	4251	55%	72%
SBJHS						
7 th	185	134	3845	2067	-28%	-46%
8 th	54	128	3287	1737	137%	-47%
SBHS						
9 th	1250	1593	22197	24714	27%	11%
10 th	1072	1888	23525	35330	76%	50%
11 th	1150	1329	25639	27449	16%	7%
12 th	1454	1546	25788	26053	6%	1%
SMHS						
9 th	1007	882	11352	9791	-12%	-14%
10 th	1287	1280	12866	12194	-1%	-5%
11 th	1156	1325	13125	13649	15%	4%
12 th	1603	1457	16905	14017	-9%	-17%
DPHS						
9 th	387	395	11183	12194	2%	72%
10 th	711	467	14794	14109	-34%	-5%
11 th	449	464	14378	16942	3%	18%
12 th	754	453	21906	16366	-40%	-25%

Overall School Site Data

La Colina	255	475	5950	6537	86%	10%
La Cumbre	234	283	1901	3646	21%	92%
GVJHS	462	644	4561	7815	39%	71%
SBJHS	239	262	7132	3804	10%	-47%
SBHS	4926	6356	97149	113546	29%	17%
SMHS	5053	4944	54248	49651	-2%	-8%
DPHS	2301	1779	62261	59611	-23%	-4%

Grade Level Data

	Full-day Truancy		Period Truancy		0708 - 0809 Changes	
	<u>0708</u>	<u>0809</u>	<u>0708</u>	<u>0809</u>		
7 th	621	545	9277	9655	-12%	4%
8 th	569	955	11710	12147	68%	4%
9 th	2644	2870	44732	46699	9%	4%
10 th	3070	3635	51185	61633	18%	20%
11 th	2755	3118	53142	58040	13%	9%
12 th	3811	3456	64599	56436	-9%	-13%

Overall Secondary District Data

	Full-day Truancy		Period Truancy		0708 - 0809 Change	
	<u>0708</u>	<u>0809</u>	<u>0708</u>	<u>0809</u>		
	13470	14743	233202	244610	9%	5%