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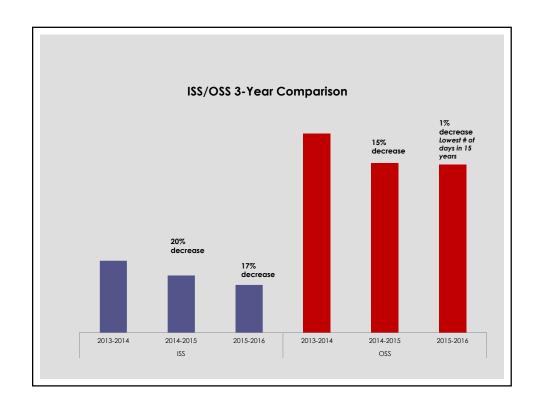
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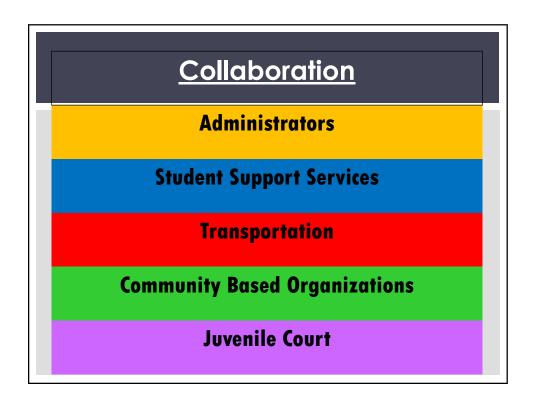


# STUDENT SUPPORTS AND SCHOOL PATHWAYS

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### **Fulton School Pathways Process**

#### December 2014

- Fulton County Juvenile Court was 1 of 16 counties across the country selected to
  participate in the School Pathways to Juvenile Justice System Project led by the
  National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)
- December 2014 **Chief Judge Bradley Boyd** coordinated the initial meeting with NCJFCJ and key stakeholders to develop a specific strategy to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline in Fulton County

2015 - 2016

- Judge Renata Turner facilitated and coordinated technical assistance sessions that identified/developed:
- Key Stakeholders
- Focus Acts (Judge Steven Teske)
- Graduated Responses
- Resources/Collaborative Partners
- Interagency Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding

August 2016

- School Pathways Implementation began
- FCS Police Referrals to Juvenile Court are down

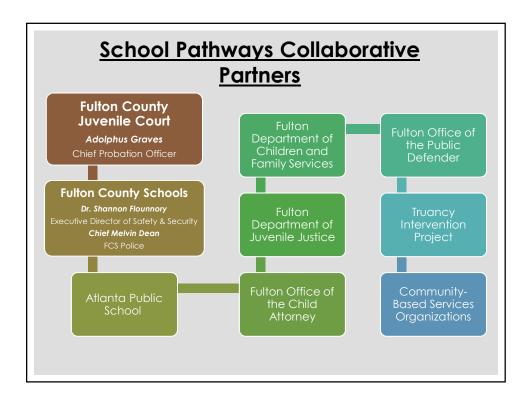
## Acts and Responses

#### Focused Acts

- 1. Disorderly Conduct
- 2. Affray
- 3. Disrupting Public Schools
- 4. Criminal Trespass
- 5. Simple Battery
- 6. Simple Assault,
- 7. Battery
- 8. Theft by Receiving (Misdemeanor)
- 9. Theft by Taking (Misdemeanor)
- 10. Obstruction,
- 11. Violation of the Georgia Controlled Substance Act (V.G.C.S.A.) by Possession (Misdemeanor).

#### **Response Options**

- Anger management/Conflict Resolution
- Stopping Acts of Violence Through Education Program
- Mediation
- Letter of Apology,
- Teacher, Parent, and/or Student Meeting
- Teen Court
- School-based Community Service
- Restitution
- First-time Offender Program
- Insight Drug Intervention
- Club House (Severe cases)
- Educational essays
- Shoplifting/Theft Workshops
- Restorative Board



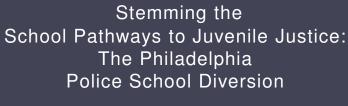
# STRATEGIC SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF/ADMINISTRATOR ENGAGEMENT

#### Things to Do:

- Reach out to district Student Support/School Police
- Assume Good Will
- Acknowledge joint responsibility
- Explain purpose of and provide overview of MOU to school administrators
- Engage district staff/administrator in resource mapping
- Be willing to learn more about and maximize the roles and functions of partners
- Use data to drive decisions
- Infuse national and state resources/literature

#### Things to be Mindful of:

- School administrators are responsible for school discipline
- SPOs/SROs are responsible for law enforcement
- Merging outside your lane
- Over sensationalize perceptions
- Data limitation and sharing
- Bridge the Gaps in services/resources



## ENGAGING EDUCATORS IN SCHOOL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIPS WEBINAR

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# ZERO TOLERANCE WAS NOT WORKING

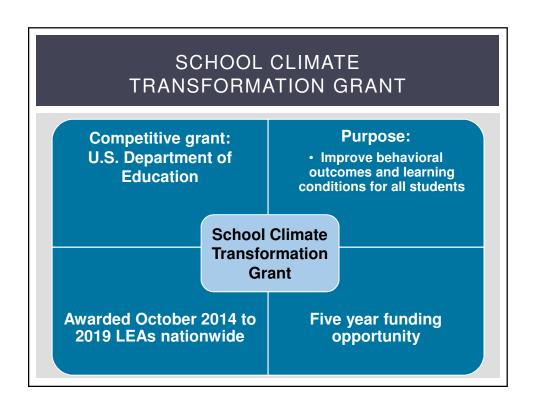
- In 2011-2012 there were 1,633 student arrests.
- In 2012-2013 there were 1,425 student arrests.
- Children were being written off.

### CHANGING THE CULTURE

- First we needed to understand the problem.
- Needed to keep children in school.
- Worked on a broad approach that put dignity and understanding first.
- Sought partners who were committed to making a difference.

#### WHAT WE DID

- Eliminated Zero Tolerance.
- Worked to transform school climates with a Deputy for School Climate and Safety.
- Worked with state and local judicial and law enforcement to develop a diversion program.
- Emphasized de-escalation and conflict resolution.
- Stopped arrests for low level offenses that lead to school dropouts.



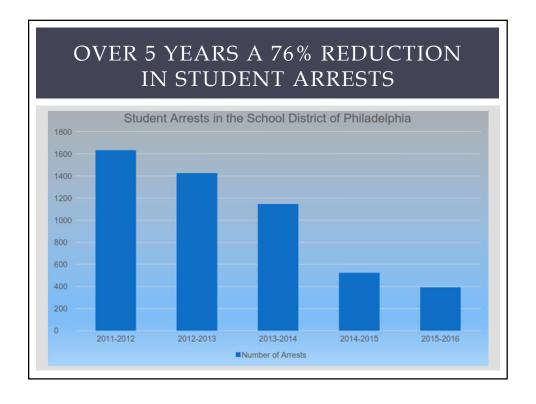
#### **OBJECTIVES**

Gain an understanding of the City of Philadelphia's efforts to improve school climate

Stem the
School
Pathways to
Juvenile Justice
with support
from two
Federal grants.

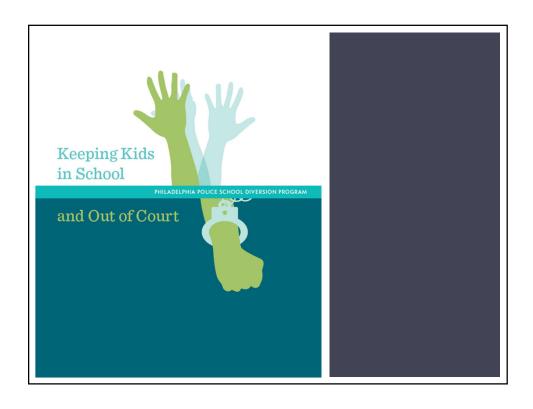
# THE FIRST YEAR OF OUR DIVERSION PROGRAM SAW REAL RESULTS

- 90% of students diverted voluntarily accepts services from DHS contracted services.
- 75% of youth diverted did not face a disciplinary transfer hearing.

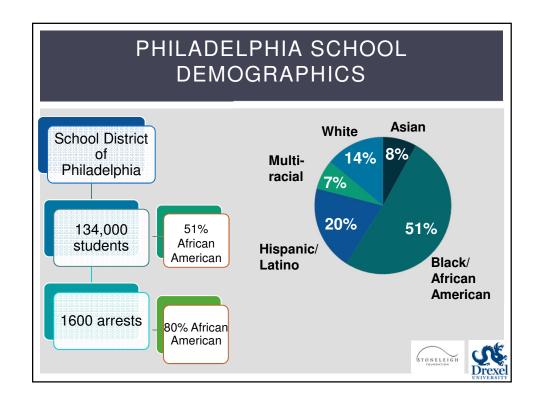


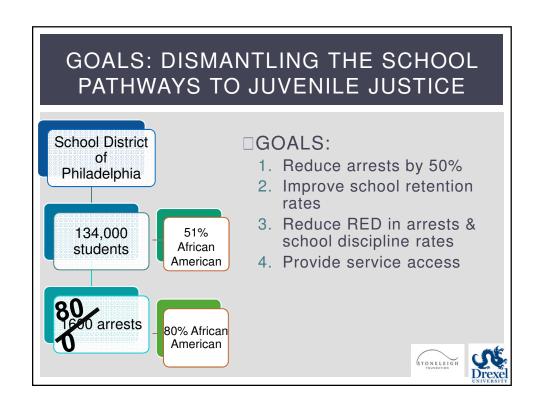
## PHILADELPHIA SCHOOLS MOVING FORWARD

- Eliminated suspensions in Kindergarten and gradually eliminating suspensions in K-2 grades.
- Eliminated out of school suspensions for dress code violations.
- Continuing to improve school climate and culture through training and development for principals and teachers.
- Focus on increasing attendance and keeping children in school.

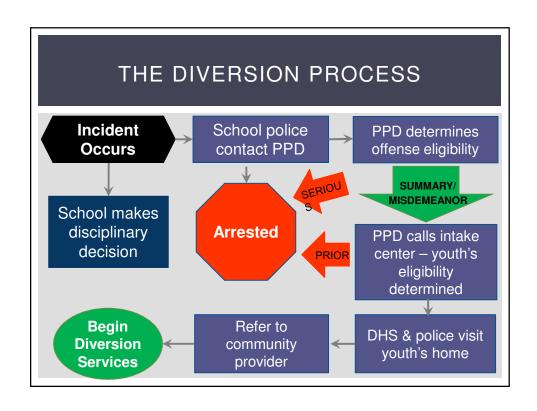




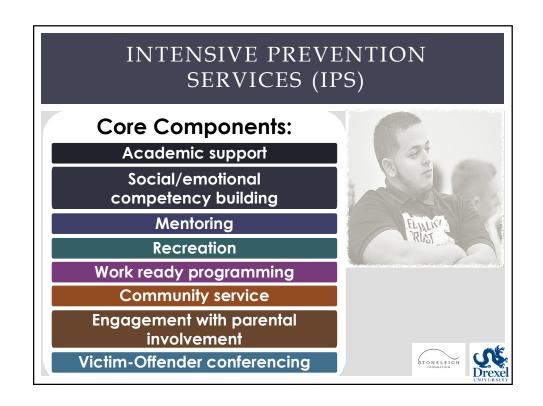




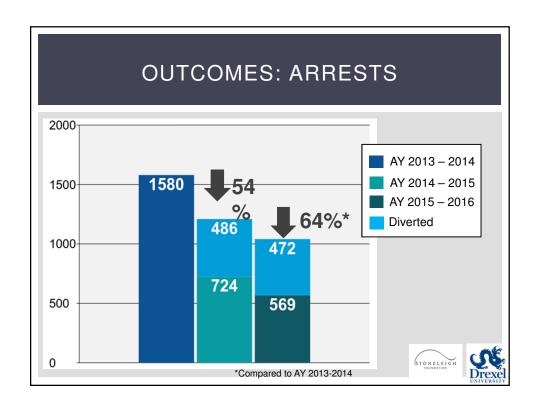


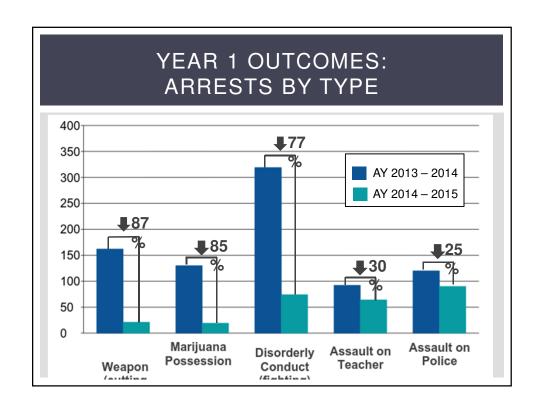


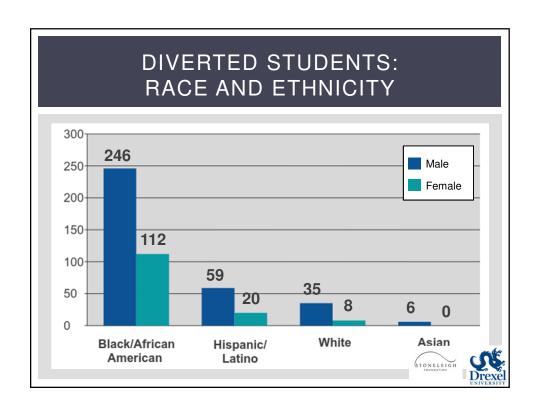


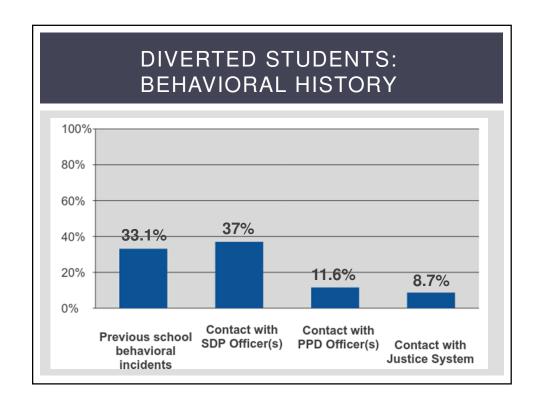


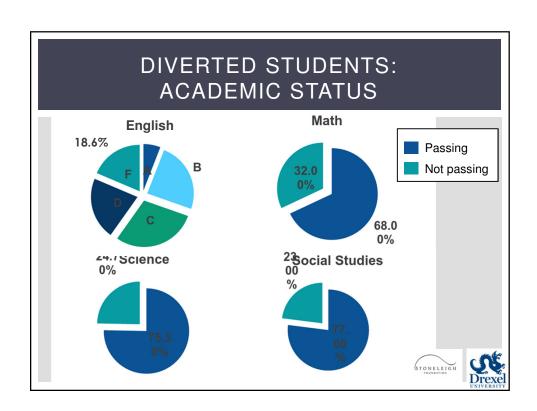
















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