

# Superintendent's Report Orange Public Schools “Good to Great”

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Superintendent of Schools  
“ The Teaching Superintendent”

October 9, 2024

Focus Core Area Numbers 1- 4 District  
Goal Number 1-4 and All Sub Sections





Celebration of Students  
**SEPTEMBER 2024**  
Student of the Month Announcement

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# Students of the Month

## SEPTEMBER 2024

### Congratulations to our STAR Students!

Name of School	Student of the Month
Central Elementary School	Mosiah DeCoteau
Cleveland Street School	Aaron Pina Duran
Forest Street Community School	Karol Vasquez Lacan
Heywood Avenue School	Judah Brown
Lincoln Avenue School	Nadjeane Pierre
Oakwood Avenue Community School	Grayson Bass

Name of School	Student of the Month
Orange High School	Vanessa Clement
Orange Preparatory Academy of Inquiry and Innovation	Tara Saint-Aime
Park Avenue School	Steven Germain
Rosa Parks Community School	Maite Sagbay Morocho
STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges	Miashie Louis-Jeune
The Twilight Program	Donnie Solomon

# World Teacher's Day

## October 5th

► **World Teachers' Day:** World Teachers' Day took place on October 5, 2024. This day marked the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. It sets standards regarding the rights and responsibilities of teachers for their initial preparation, further education, recruitment, employment, and learning conditions.

► The Orange Public School District celebrates the work of dedicated teachers within our district and around the world who continue to strive every day to ensure that 'inclusive and equitable quality education' and the promotion of 'lifelong learning opportunities for all' become a reality in every corner of the globe." I can just say, we have the very best!

-Dr. Fitzhugh, Superintendent of Schools-



# October is National Principal's Month

▶ The month of October is coined National Principal's Month. Join me in thanking the following principals for their continued tenacity and support of staff and students within this very school district:

- ▶ Dr. Yancisca Cooke, Principal of Forest Street Community School
- ▶ Dr. Devonii Reid, Principal of STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges
- ▶ Ms. Richele Woods, Principal of Heywood Avenue School
- ▶ Dr. Erica Stewart, Principal of Twilight U
- ▶ Mr. Jason Belton, Principal of Orange High School
- ▶ Ms. Carrie Halstead, Principal of Orange Preparatory Academy of Inquiry and Innovation
- ▶ Dr. Debra Joseph-Charles, Principal of Rosa Parks Community School
- ▶ Mr. Dana Gaines, Principal of Oakwood Community School
- ▶ Mr. Terence Wesley, Principal of Cleveland Street School
- ▶ Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal of Orange Early Childhood Center
- ▶ Ms. Natasha Cox, Principal of Park Avenue School
- ▶ Mrs. Karen Machuca, Principal of Scholars Academy
- ▶ Dr. Cayce Cummins, Principal of John Robert Lewis Early Childhood Center
- ▶ Mr. Patrick Yearwood, Principal of Lincoln Elementary School
- ▶ Ms. Denise White, Principal of Central Elementary School



# Week of Respect: October 7th through October 11th

The Orange School District Celebrates Week of Respect (October 7th through October 11th). School districts statewide recognize the importance of continually fostering a positive school climate. The fundamental work being done to reduce incidences of violence and harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB) within the schools is paramount and aids in providing students a safe environment in which they are able to attain academic success and grow as individuals. During the Week of Respect, school districts have the opportunity to build upon their current work by delivering age-appropriate instruction to students on these essential topics.

Week of Respect – The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (P.L. 2010, c.122) requires that the week beginning with the first Monday in October of each year be designated as the Week of Respect in New Jersey. In recognition of the importance of social and emotional learning and character education, school districts are required to observe the week by providing age-appropriate instruction focusing on preventing HIB. [#GoodtoGreat](#) [#MovingintoGreatness](#) [#OrangeStrong](#)



# Attendance Presentation from the Month of September 2024

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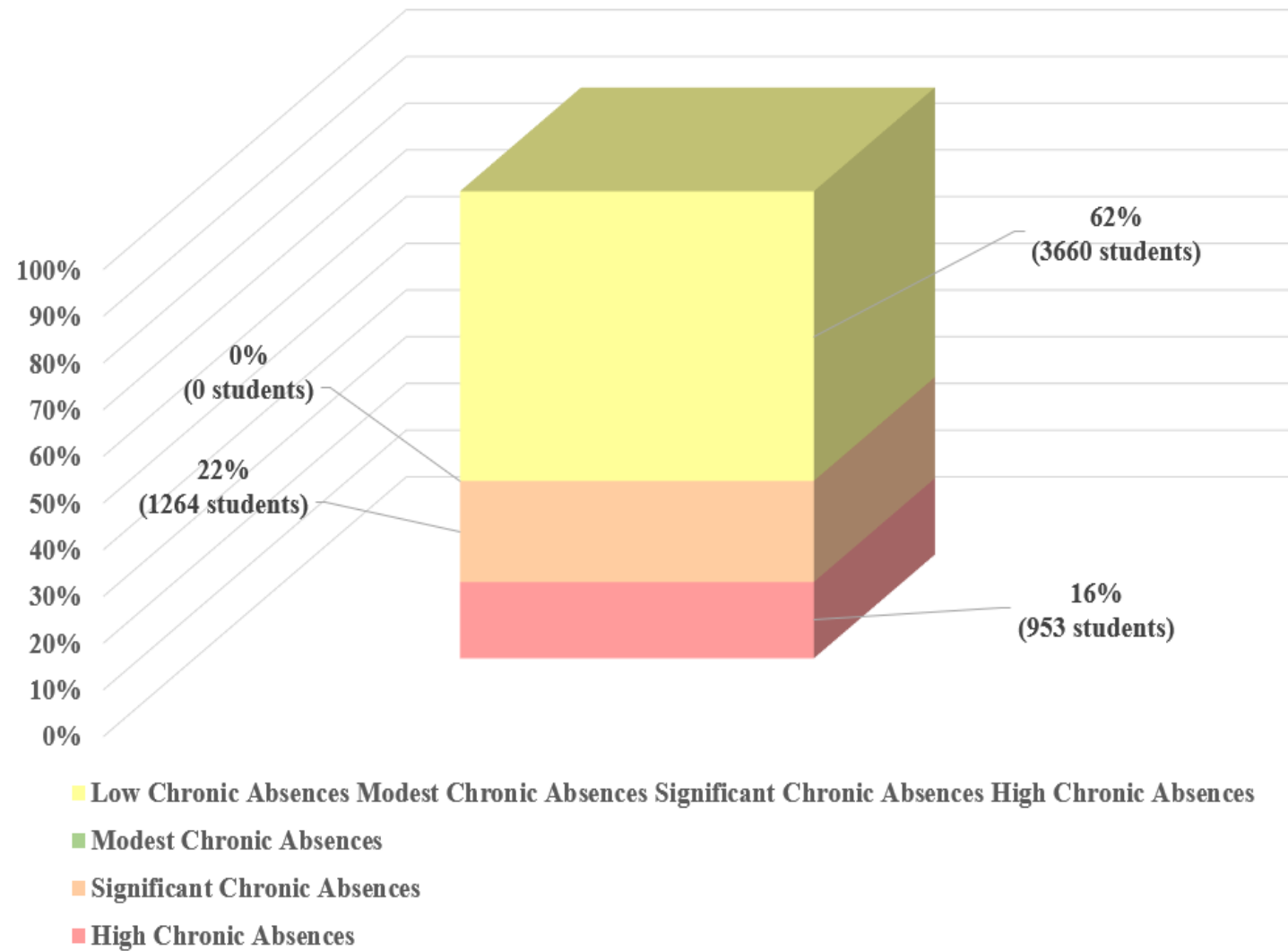
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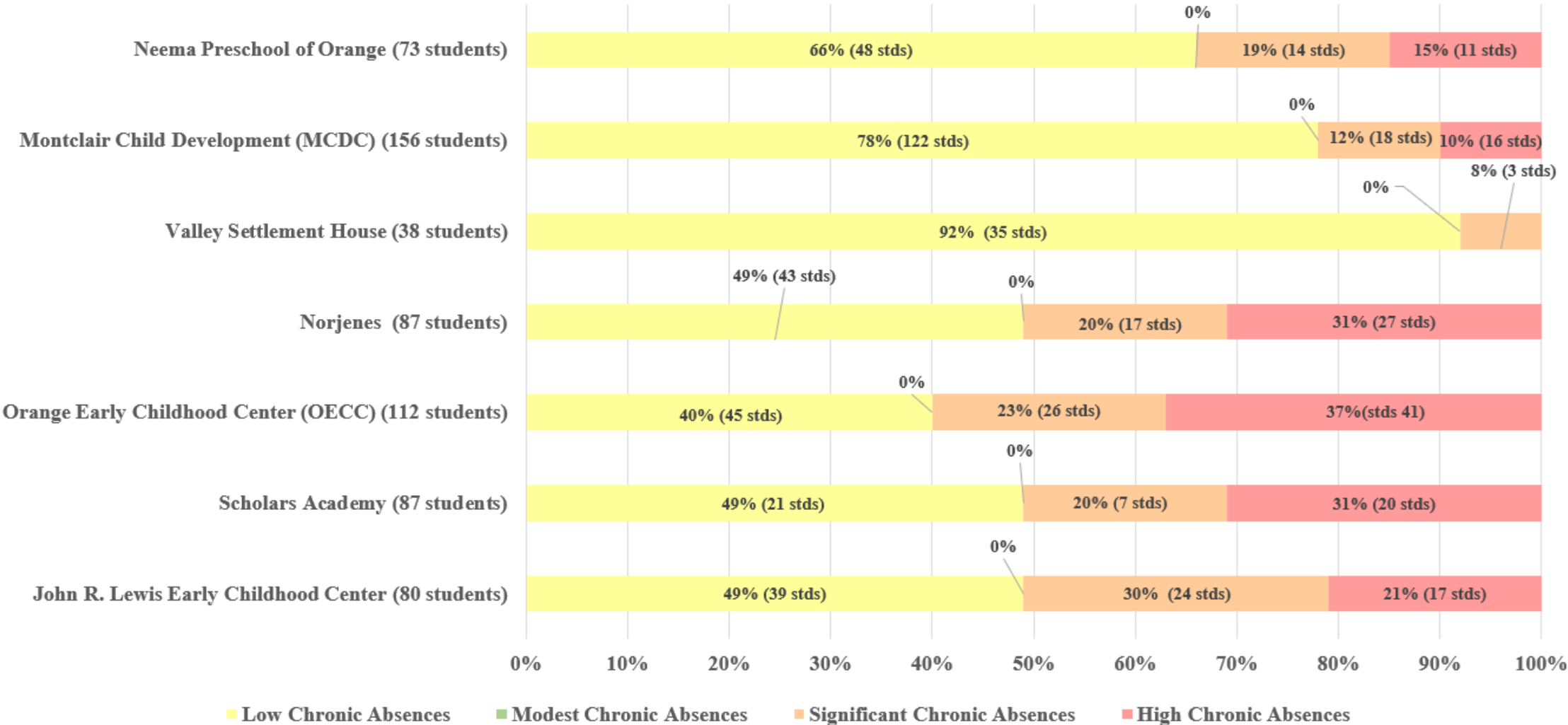
Absences Category	Cumulative Days Absent for the Month of September 2024
Low Chronic Absences	0 to .49 days
Modest Chronic Absences	.50 to .99 days
Significant Chronic Absences	1 to 1.99 days
High Chronic Absences	2 days or more
*Students are chronically absent when excused or unexcused absences are equal to or greater than 10% of the total number of days enrolled in the school year.	



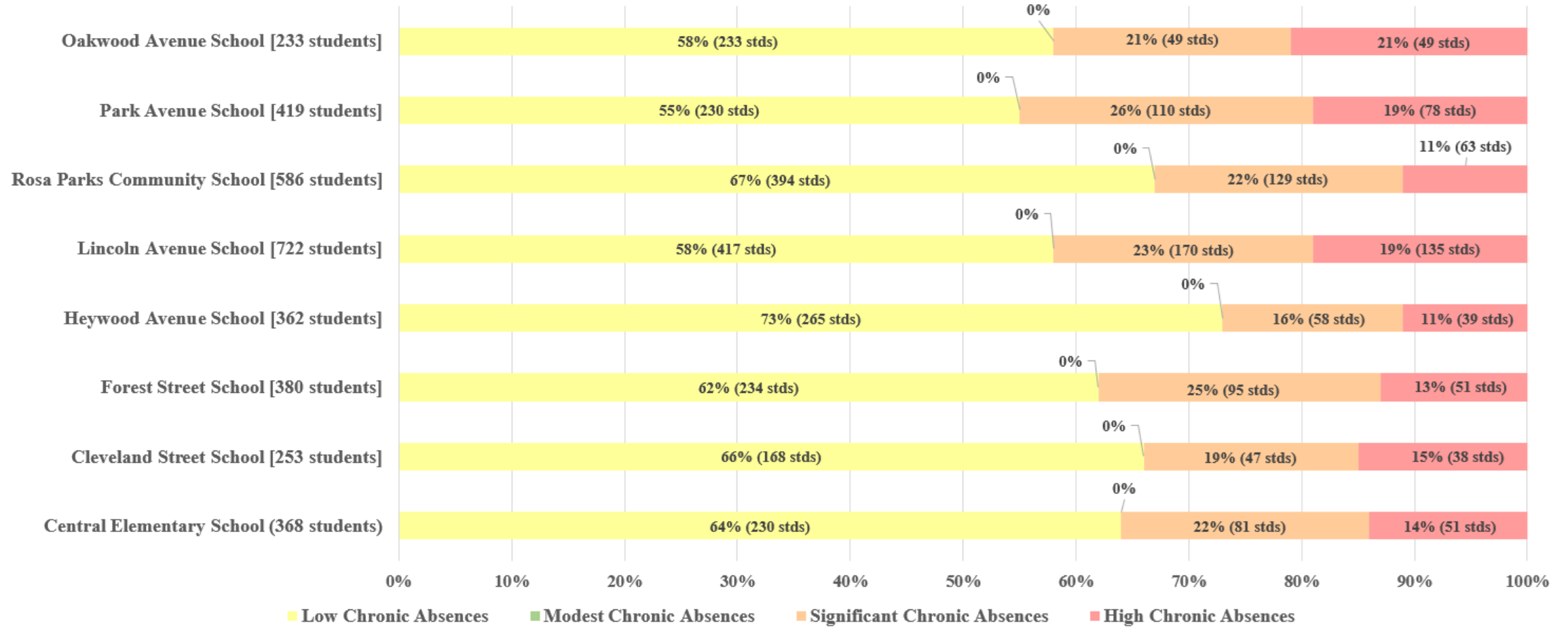
## Cumulative Absences for the Month of September by Category



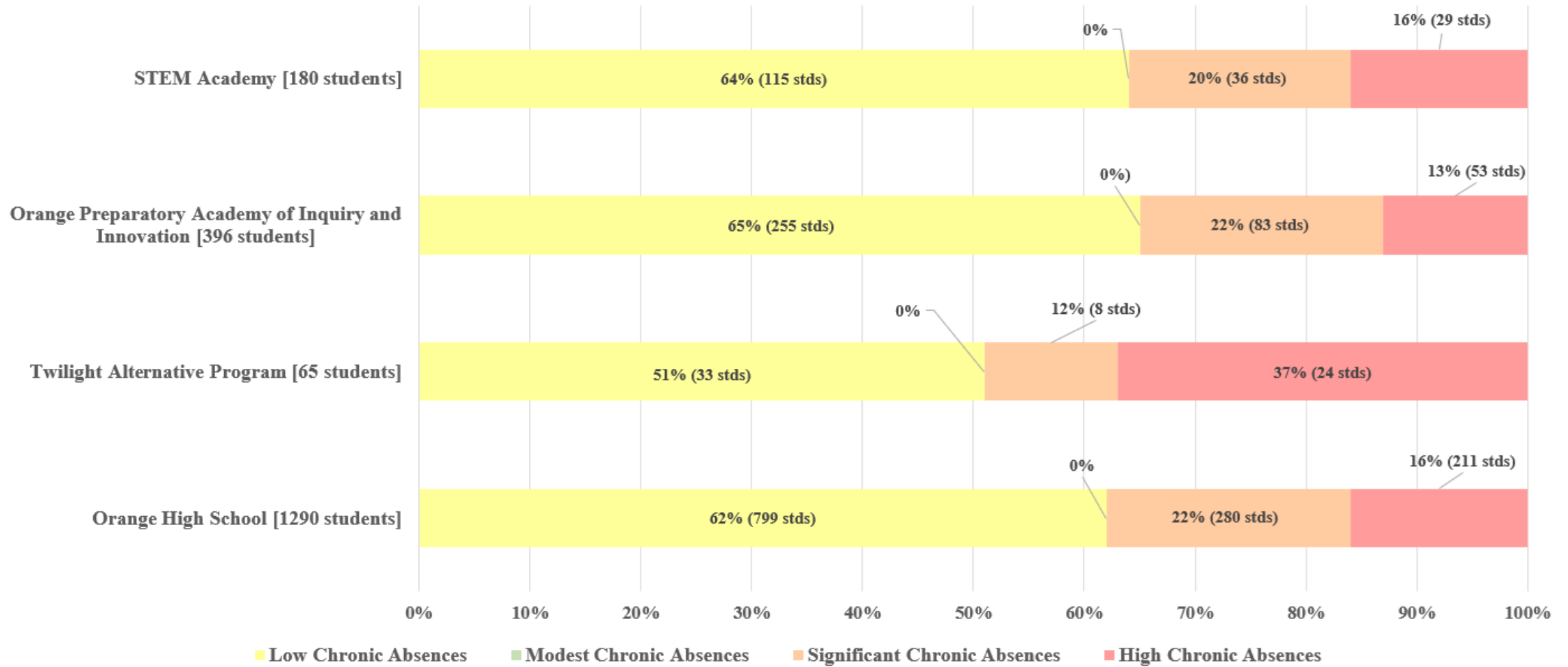
# Cumulative Absences by School for the Month of September Early Childhood Program



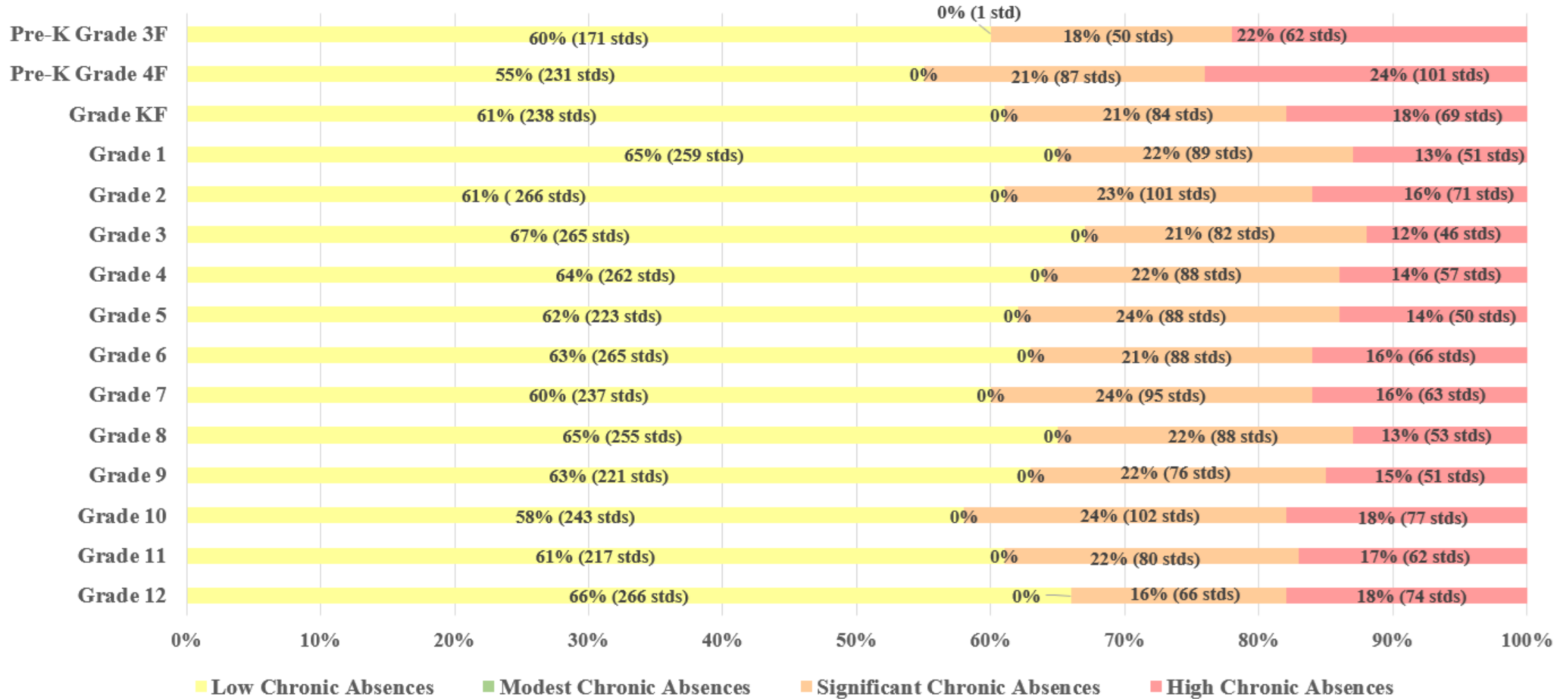
### Cumulative Absences by School for the Month of September Kindergarten through Grade 7

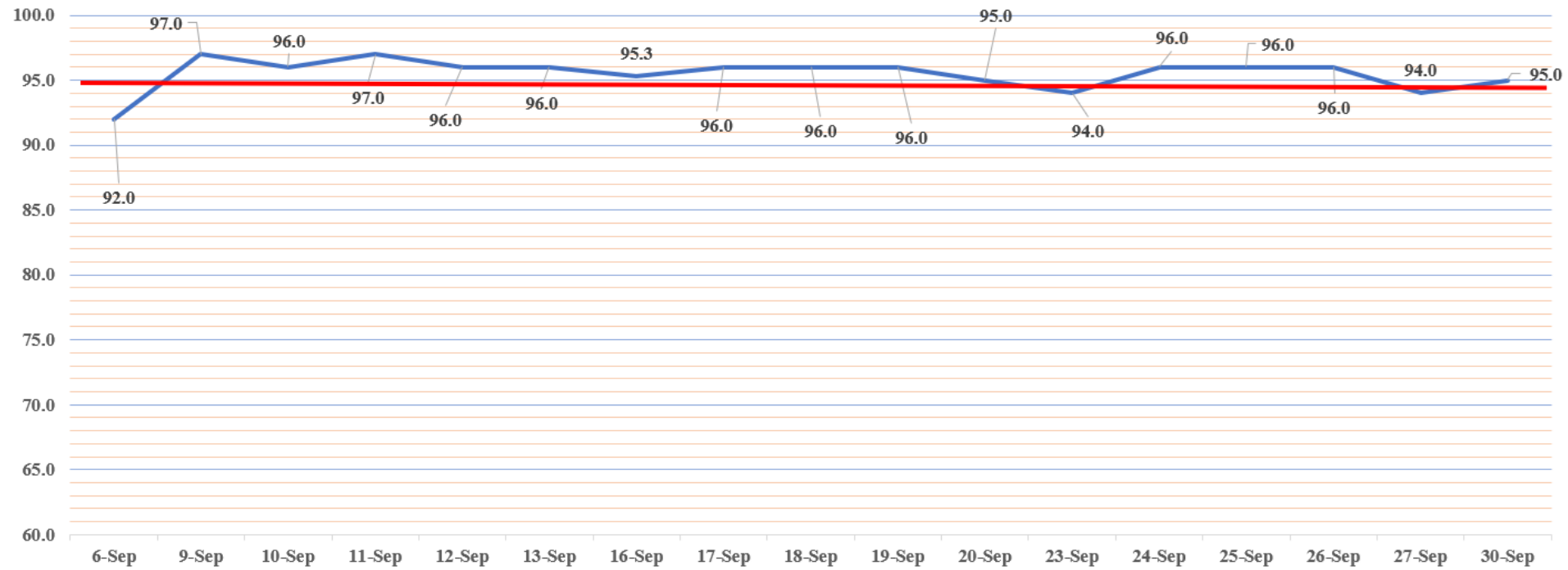


### Cumulative Absences by School for the Month of September Grades 8 through 12



## Cumulative Absences for the Month of September by Grade Level





September 2024

Average Daily Attendance Percentages

\*State Average is 95%

District Average Daily Attendance was 96%





# Facilities Updates

PRESENTED BY: MR. JASON BALLARD

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

OCTOBER 9, 2024

# District Facility Maintenance & Custodial Services Updates

- ▶ Thorough cleaning and disinfecting occurs daily for all of our touch points in the building (examples include but are not limited to door handles, bathrooms, entrances, exits, and handrails)
- ▶ Walk-throughs of all district school facilities
- ▶ Meetings between the District and PCI are held regularly based on updates related to COVID-19 mandates and expectations
- ▶ Facility projects continue so we can ensure a safe and clean learning environment for our children and staff.



# Facilities Projects Update

► We are in the final stages of completing our summer projects. The cosmetology room at Orange High School has been successfully completed, and the instructor is currently unpacking and organizing their teaching supplies. Regrettably, we must inform you that the new culinary room at Orange High School encountered a minor setback. Please be assured that we are diligently addressing the issue and are confident that our students and teaching staff will soon be able to make use of the newly renovated room.





# In the Month of October 2024

- ▶ The team and I, under the direction of Mr. Ballard, will continue to meet with the Schools Development Authority and Terminal Construction to make sure that there is progress related to the Construction at the Orange High School Punch-list items and the Cleveland Street School Project.

# Reminder from the Office of Facilities

We will continue to update the community, staff, and Board of Education members of all progress.



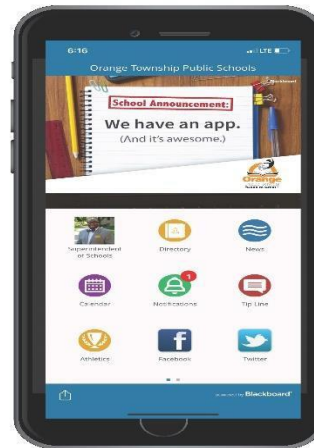
The health and safety of staff and students are at the apex of all facilities undertakings.

Reminder: The  
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up...Stay Tuned



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