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**PREMIER
HIGH SCHOOL**

Amendment Request

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Amendment Request Overview



- 1) Expansion:** To add additional PHS campuses in Russellville & Fayetteville.
- 2) Enrollment Cap:** PHS of Arkansas is seeking to increase the overall enrollment cap for the charter from 975 to 1,225 students.

PHS MISSION

Our mission is to provide **hope** for students through a **caring, mastery-based, blended learning** option, that promotes a free society and cultivates **moral and academic excellence.**



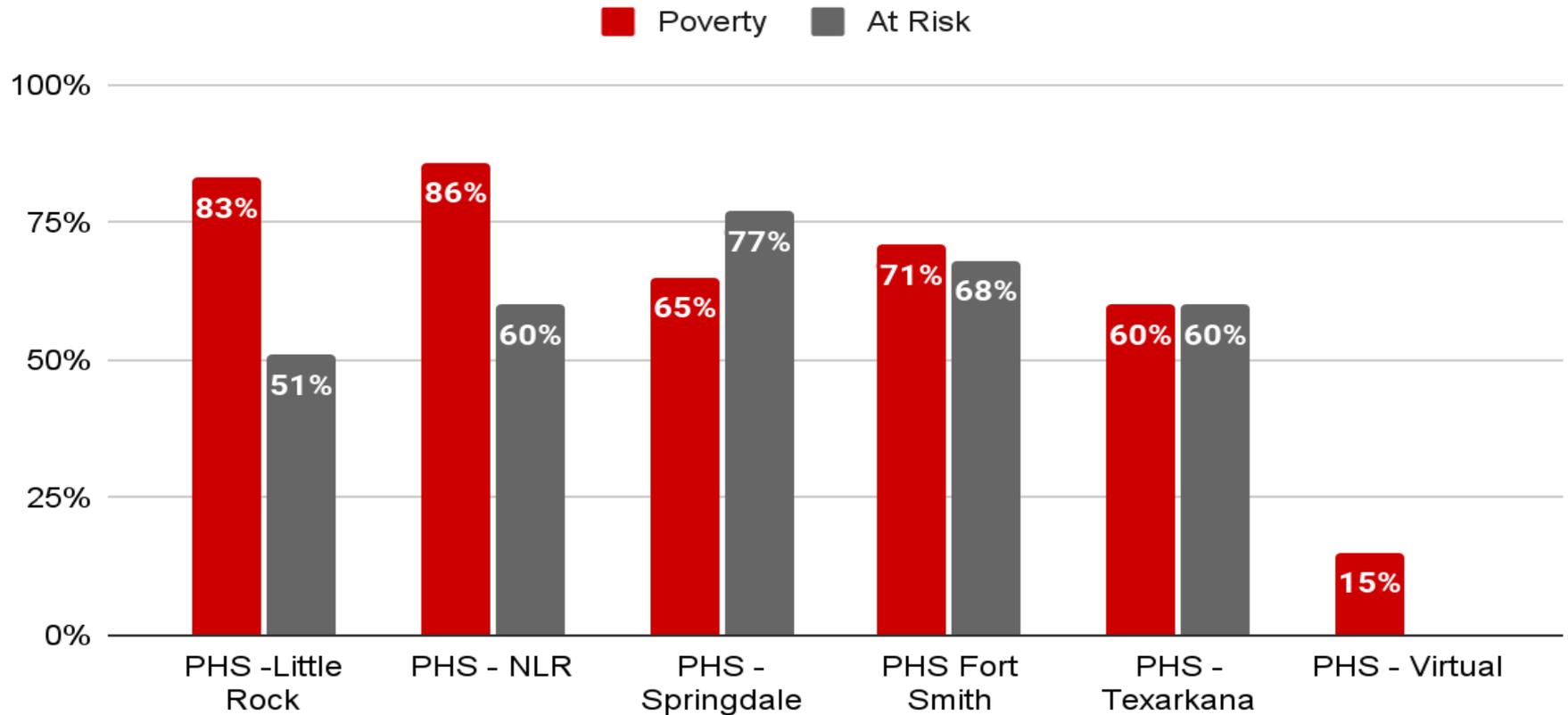
WHO WE SERVE?

- Students seeking a smaller, personalized in person or virtual learning environment
- Disengaged students
- Students who have or are “at-risk” of dropping out of high school
- Employed student
- Parent student
- Delinquent youth



Percentage of Poverty & At-Risk Students

Poverty and At Risk Percentages



Benefits to Society & Economy

- High school graduates, on the average, earn \$9,245 more per year than high school dropouts.
- High school dropouts are 3.5 times more likely than high school graduates to be arrested in their lifetime.
- 75% of America's state prison inmates are high school dropouts
- In today's workplace, only 40% of adults who dropped out of high school are employed, compared to 60% of adults who completed high school.

AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES



SOCIETAL IMPACT



Premier High Schools in Arkansas

Current Locations

PHS Little Rock

PHS North Little Rock

PHS Springdale

PHS Fort Smith

PHS Texarkana

PHS Online

Arkansas



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Expansion Locations

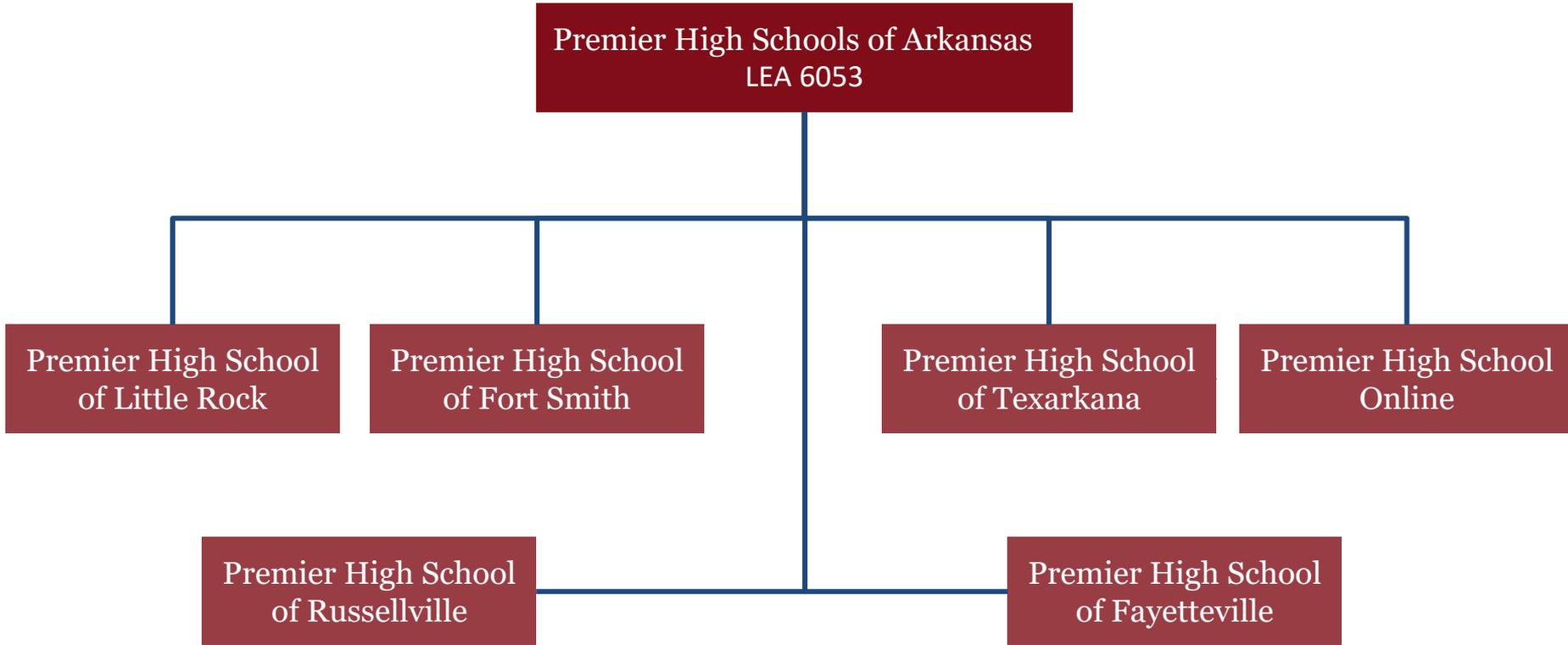
PHS Russellville

PHS Fayetteville

Arkansas



District Structure



Current Average Daily Membership by School

Campus	Current Enrollment Cap	Submitted Enrollment	Current Enrollment
Little Rock	175	80	94
Fort Smith	175	84	103
Texarkana	125	53	66
Premier Online	500	205	250
Total	975	422	513

Proposed Enrollment Breakdown by LEA

Campus	Enrollment Cap
Little Rock	175
Fort Smith	175
Texarkana	125
Premier Online	500
Russellville	75
Fayetteville	175
Total	1225

Arkansas Statewide Impact- Premier High Schools

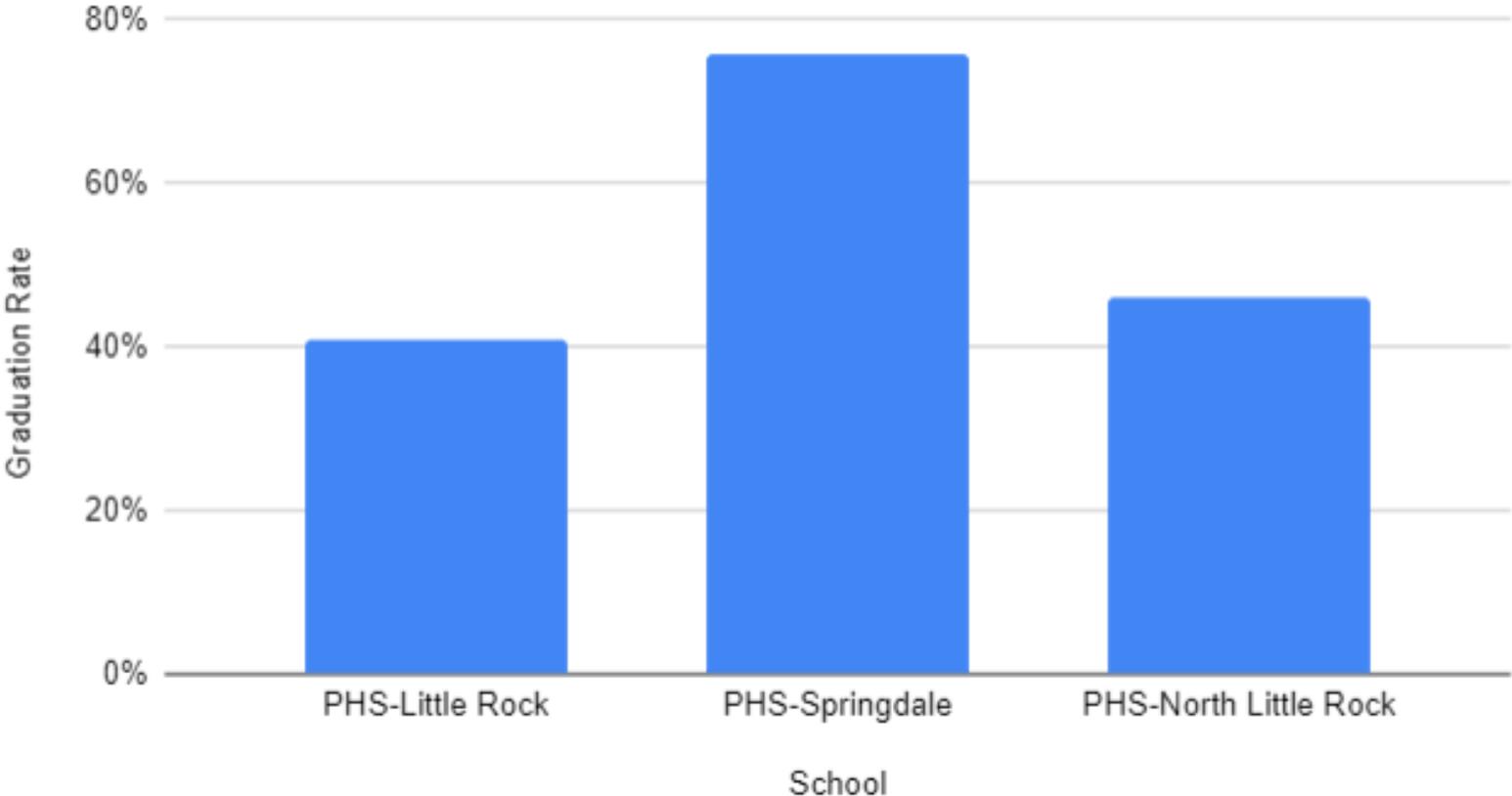
2022-2023 Year in Review

- 129** Arkansas High School Diplomas Awarded
- 42** Dropout Recovery Graduates
- 13** Teen Parents
- 26** Industry Based Certifications earned
- 65** Students earned credit through JAG
- 34** WBL Internship Participants
- 32** Community Service learning hours
- 1800+** Attendees across six (6) graduations



4 Year Cohort Graduation Rate (22-23 SY)

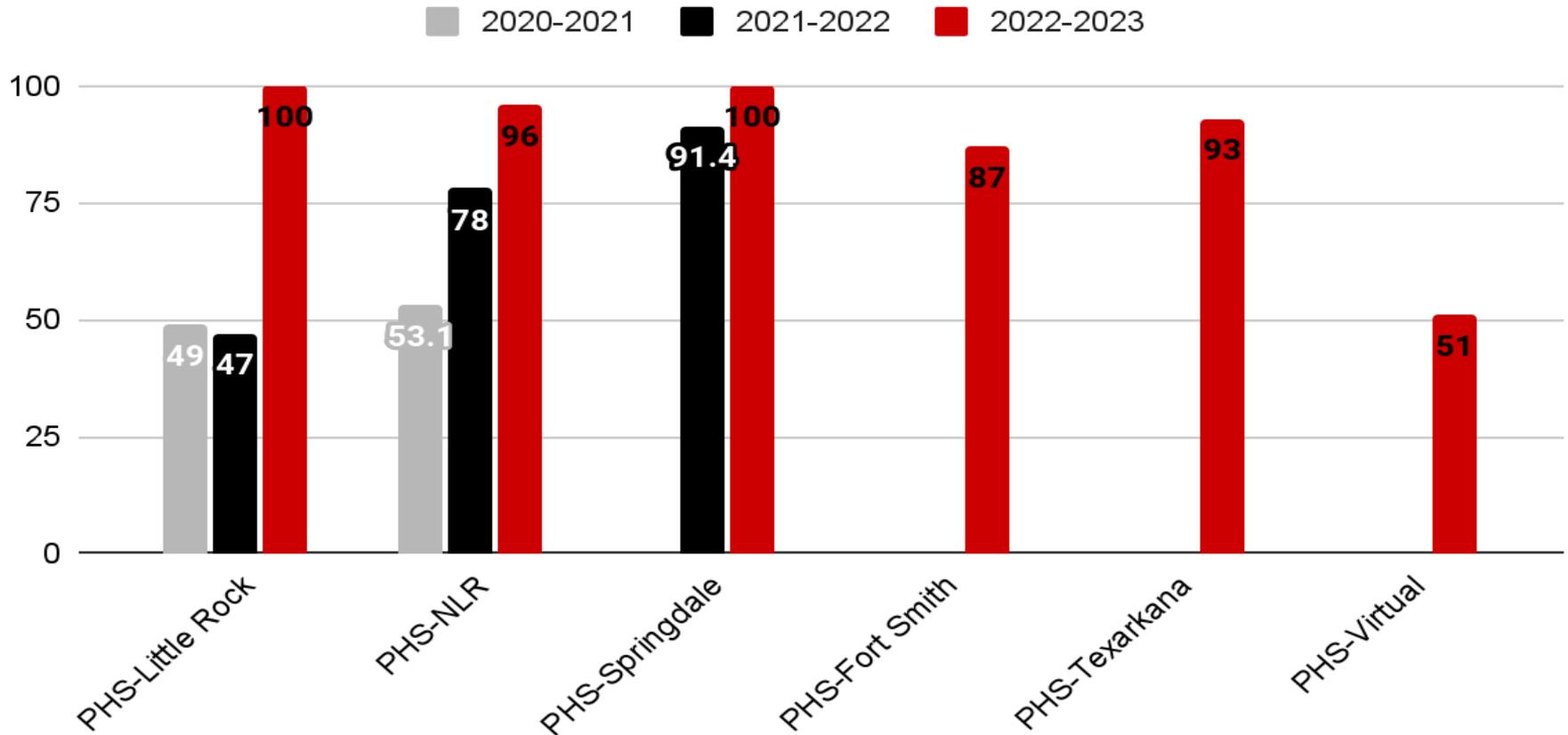
Graduation Rate vs. School



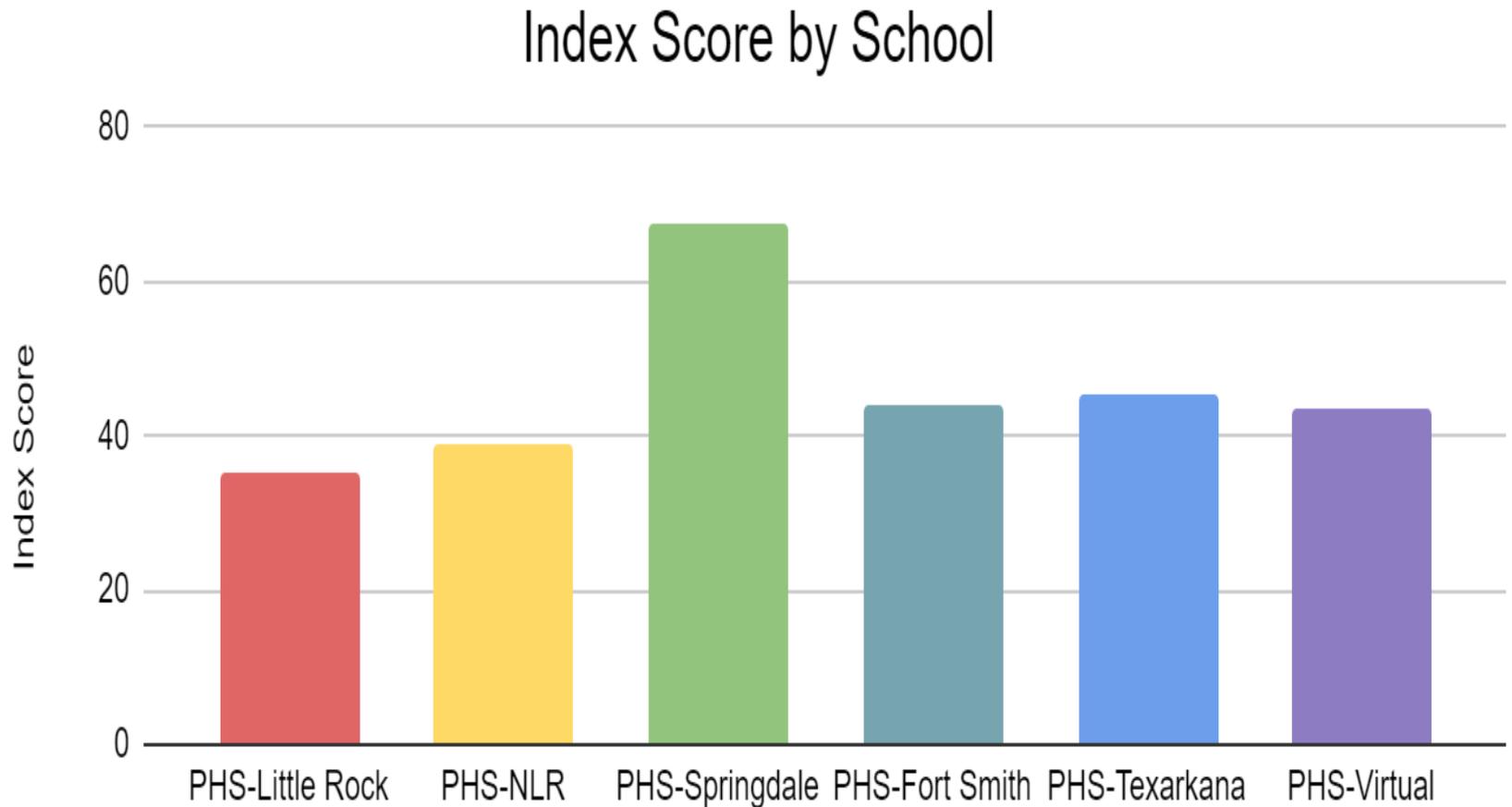
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State Assessment Participation (2021-2023)

Assessment Participation Percentages

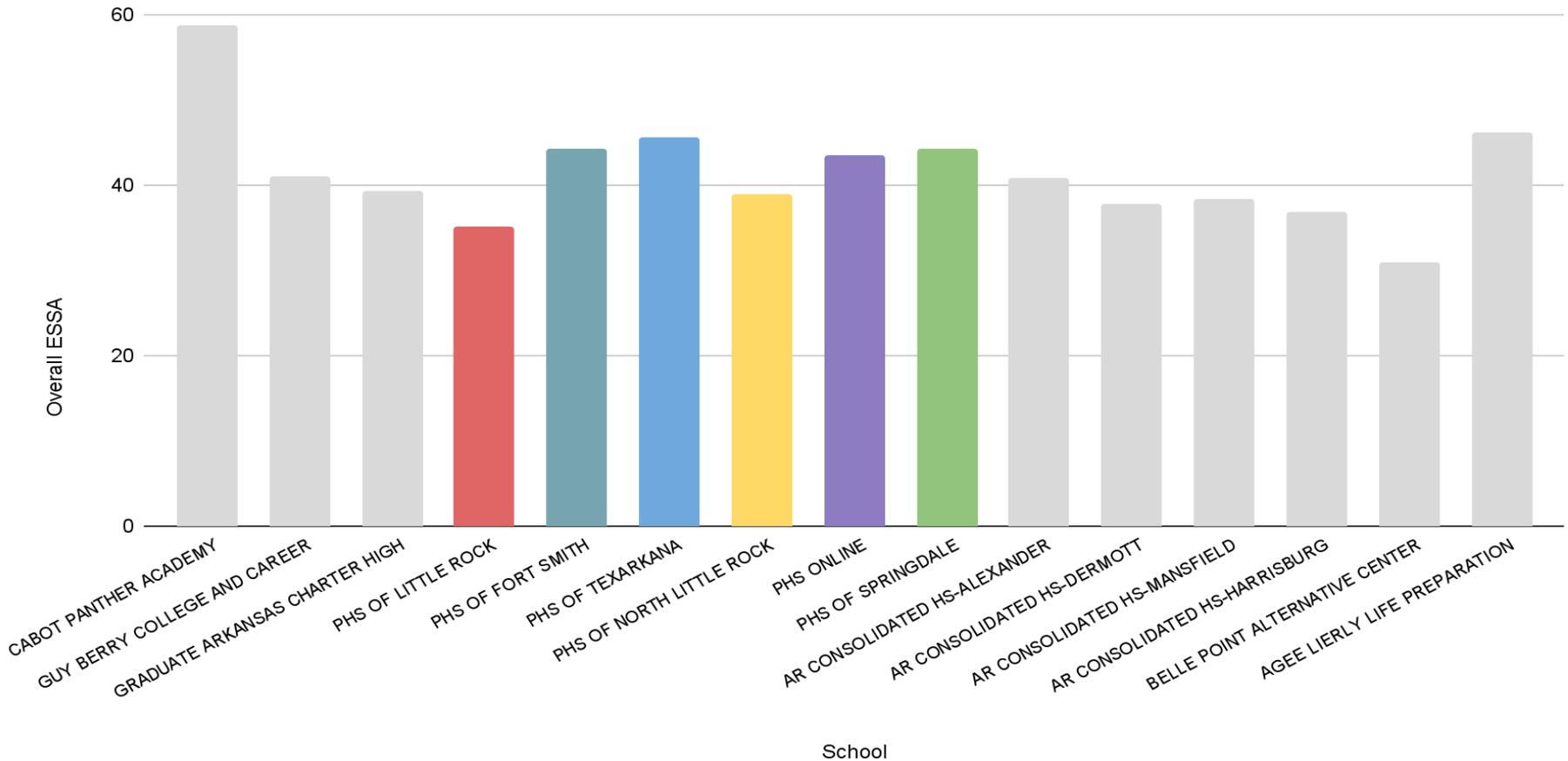


Overall Index Score by School (22-23 SY)



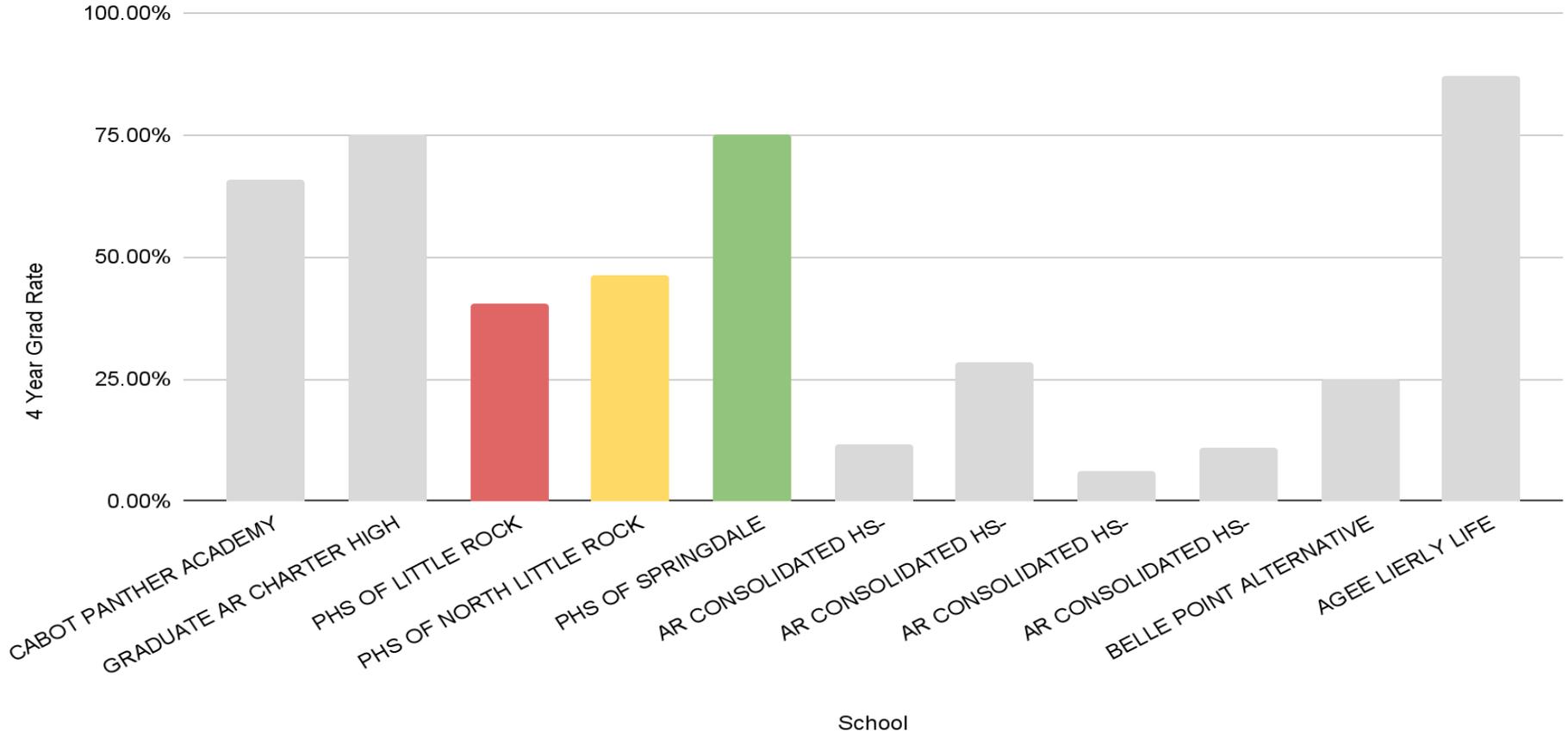
PHS vs Other H.S. that Do Not Receive Letter

Overall ESSA Index vs. School



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4 Year Grad Rate vs. School



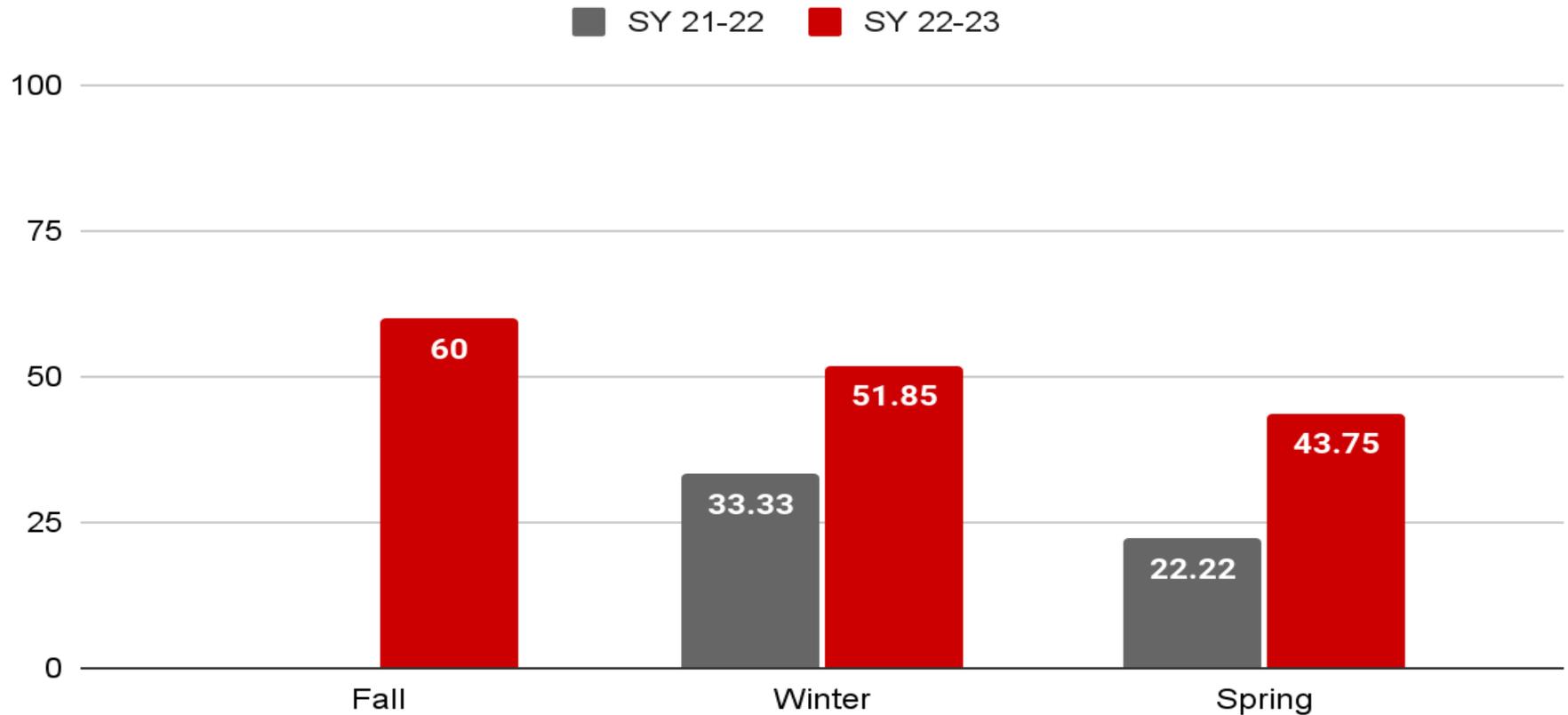
Senior Completers (22-23 SY)

School	Retention Rate Seniors Oct 1-May 15th	% of Completers Oct 1-May 15 Completer
PHS-Little Rock	67% (4/6)	100%
PHS-NLR	89% (29/32)	100%
PHS-Springdale	74% (17/23)	100%
PHS-Fort Smith	83% (10/12)	100%
PHS-Texarkana	N/A	**Graduated two (2) seniors '23
PHS-Virtual	61% (14/23)	100%



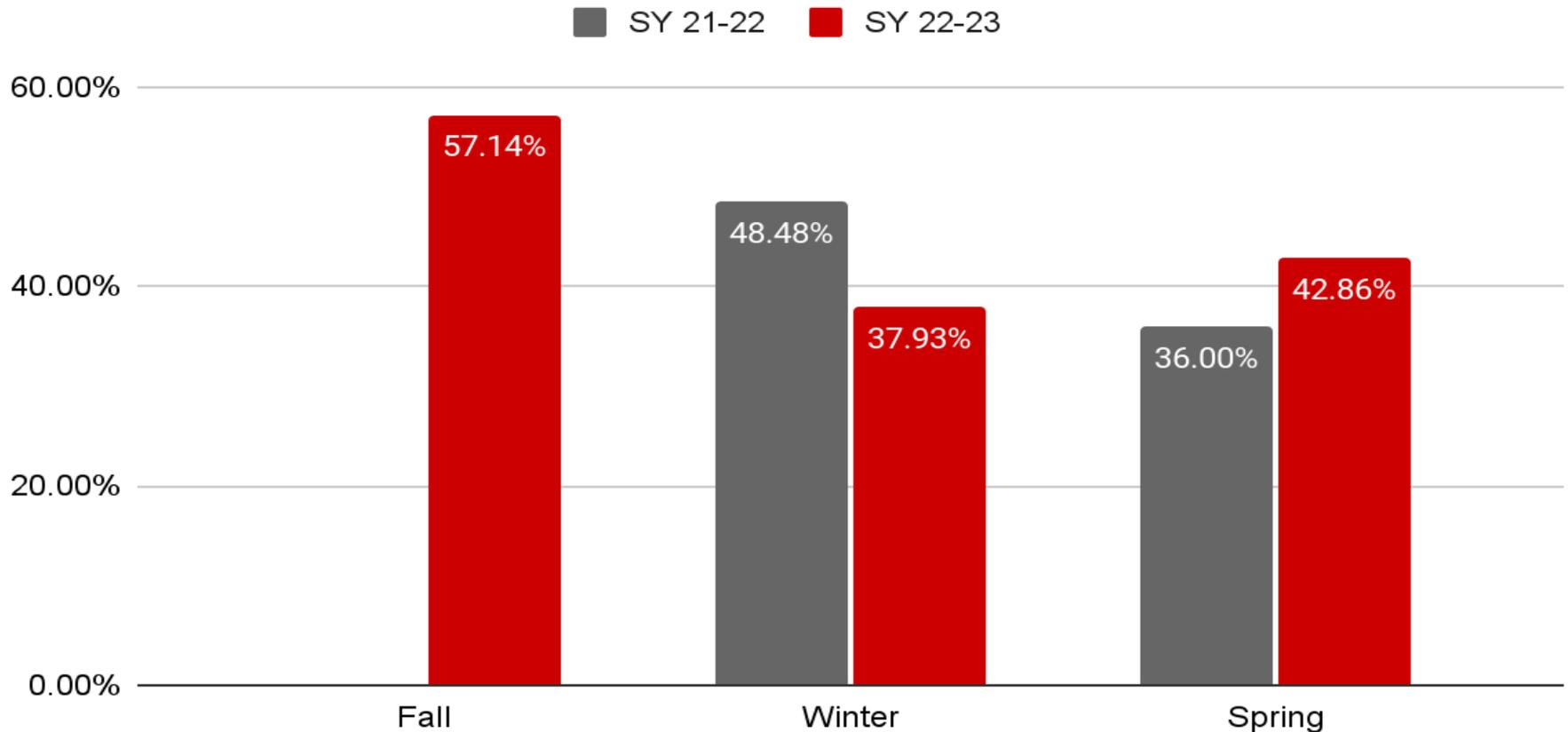
NWEA MAP LR Reading Growth (2021-2023)

NWEA MAP Reading Results - Percent of Growth



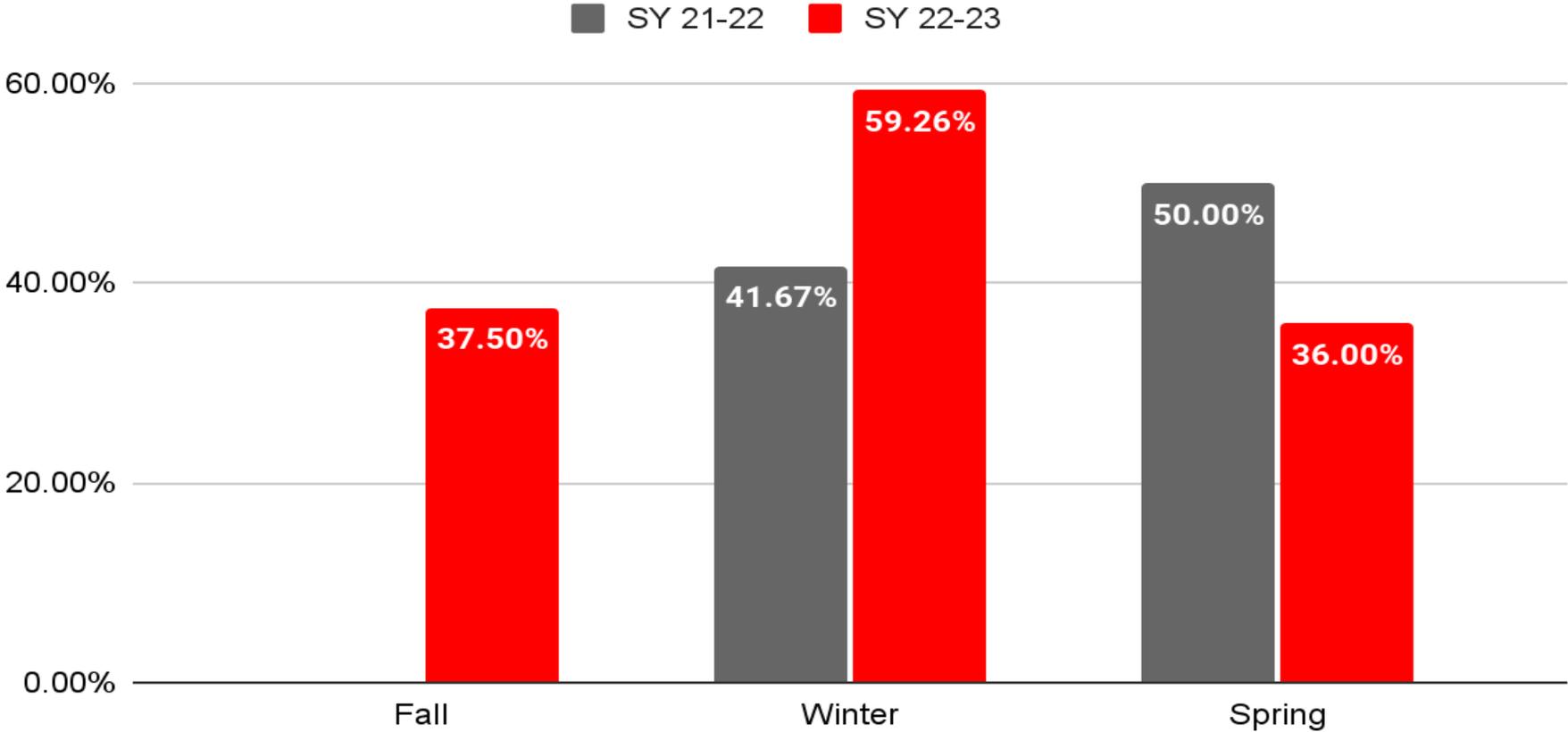
NWEA MAP LR Math Growth (2021-2023)

Percentage of Growth for Math - NWEA MAP



NWEA MAP NLR Reading Growth (2021-2023)

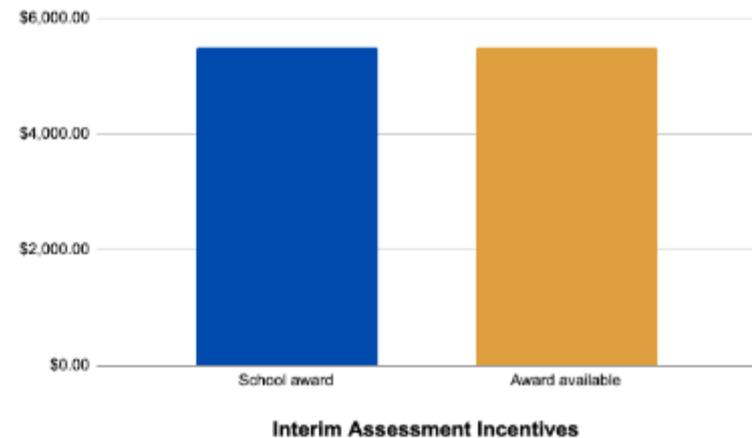
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PEER GRANT RECOGNITION

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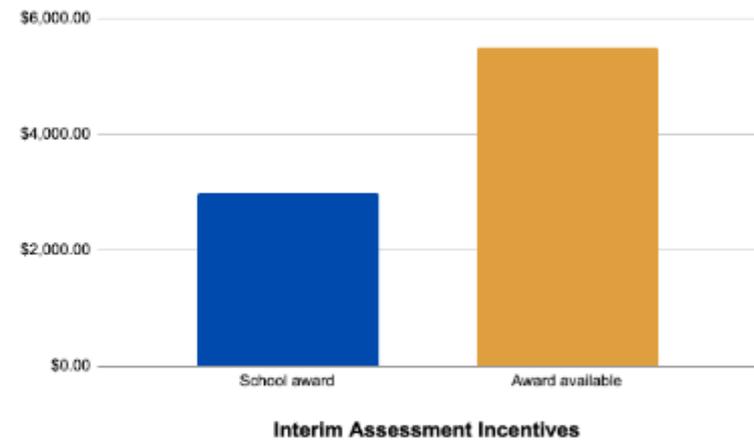


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Content Mastery of Knowledge Units & Course

School	2022-2023 Total Mastery of Units
PHS-Little Rock	1,339 units
PHS-NLR	2,681 units
PHS-Springdale	1,230 units
PHS-Fort Smith	1,425 units
PHS-Texarkana	1,328 units



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CTE BY the Numbers Participation (2022-2023)

Career & Technical Education

Premier North Little Rock Career Technical Education Industry Based Certification Pathways Participation

School	2022-2023
PHS-Little Rock	11
PHS-NLR	12
PHS-Springdale	0
PHS-Fort Smith	3
PHS-Texarkana	0
PHS-Virtual	0

CTE BY the Numbers Participation (2023-2024)



Industry Based Certification Pathway	Number of Students Enrolled
Construction	4
Welding	2
Medical Professions	4
FAA Drone Pilot Certification	2
Digital Marketing Certifications	4
Jobs for Arkansas Graduates	38
Culinary Arts	1
Auto Body	1
Law Enforcement	1
Auto. Services	1
Information Tech	1
Network Engineering	2
Work Based Learning	23
Velvatex Cosmetology	6
Total	90

AR State Chamber 2024 Be Pro Be Proud DRAFT Day

Be Pro, Be Proud Draft Day

Matching regional employers with
graduating seniors

2024 DRAFT DAY

Graduating Seniors

Job Readiness, Resume Building, and
Interview Workshops

Senior Interviews with regional
employers



Career Signing Day 2024

Fort Smith March 5-6

Springdale April 10-11

North Little Rock & Little Rock April 30-
May 1



CTE Industry Partners



LR Metro Career Center
Unmanned Safety Institute (Drones)
Velvatex College of Beauty Culture
Pulaski Tech
Arkansas Baptist College
Creative Institute of Central Arkansas
Arkansas Regional Innovation hub
Kinco Construction
Sidney Moncrief Gamechangers
Western Arkansas Technical Center
UAFS & Peak Center of Innovation
UAHT Ledwell
NWTI & NWACC
Business and Industry Training
Simpson Academy of Cosmetology
Tonsorial College of Cosmetology
Legendary Institute



Community Service Learning & Community Engagement

First Presbyterian Church (Springdale, AR)

AR Children's Hospital (Little Rock, AR)

Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary School (Little Rock, AR)



Arkansas Dream Center

Helping Hands Food Pantry (Little Rock, AR)

Haven Heights Baptist Church (Fort Smith, AR)

GET REAL U (Fort Smith, AR)

Methodist Living Center (Forts Smith, AR)

Valley Behavioral Health



HOPE Campus
(Fort Smith, AR)



Awards & Recognition

OEP Growth

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REPLICATE BEST PRACTICES

KEEP DOING LIST.....

Attendance Incentive Plan/Attendance Recovery Program

Recruiting high school dropouts and getting them a HS diploma and IBC

Closing Reading & Math Learning Gaps Through RTI

Personalized Learning Approach

Post-Secondary Planning Advisement/Support



Parent Feedback & Experience



23-24 Survey Results

80% of parents believe our school's purpose statement is clearly focused on student success.

70% of parents believe the school provides opportunities for stakeholders to be involved in the school.

88% of parents are satisfied with the level of communication between the school/teacher(s) and the students/parents.

Parent Feedback & Experience

Parent Quotes

*“I’m **glad** I found this school”*

*“My daughter has not been there long, but they have already **gone above and beyond** to ensure her safety and help her with her **academic career**. I am very proud and honored to have her in Premier and we do it again in a heartbeat
Grateful for the Teachers Very Kind”*

*“Premier has been a **huge blessing** and the **staff are outstanding**. They listen and respond to any concerns or needs Cooper has. They **answer our questions** and **communicate**. We sincerely thank and appreciate them so much for their support during some of the most difficult times of our lives over this last year. “*

*“I think that Premier High School is **amazing**, lovely teachers and **professional standards!** Great school and great **opportunities**”*



PHS Student Case Studies

Student A: Enrolled at PHS at the age of 19 and is a teen parent. Student enrolled in PHS after dropping out of school the 21-22 SY. Student completed graduation requirements and graduated May of 2023 and enrolled in Pulaski Tech fall of 2023.

Student B: Student who dropped out of school in 2019 (COVID) and has not been enrolled in school. She attended PHS the 2022-2023 SY with less than four (4) credit needed to graduate. She earned credits to get high school diploma and Industry Based Certification as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Student C: Incarcerated in DYS for six (6) months. Enrolled at PHS behind 3.5 credits and reading three grade levels below and performing two grade levels below grade norm in math. The student earned credit to get back on track with graduation cohort and met NWEA MAP Reading and Math growth goal. Attendance improved from 30% to 80% from 1st sem. to 2nd sem.



Premier High Schools 2.0

5 Year Expansion Plan

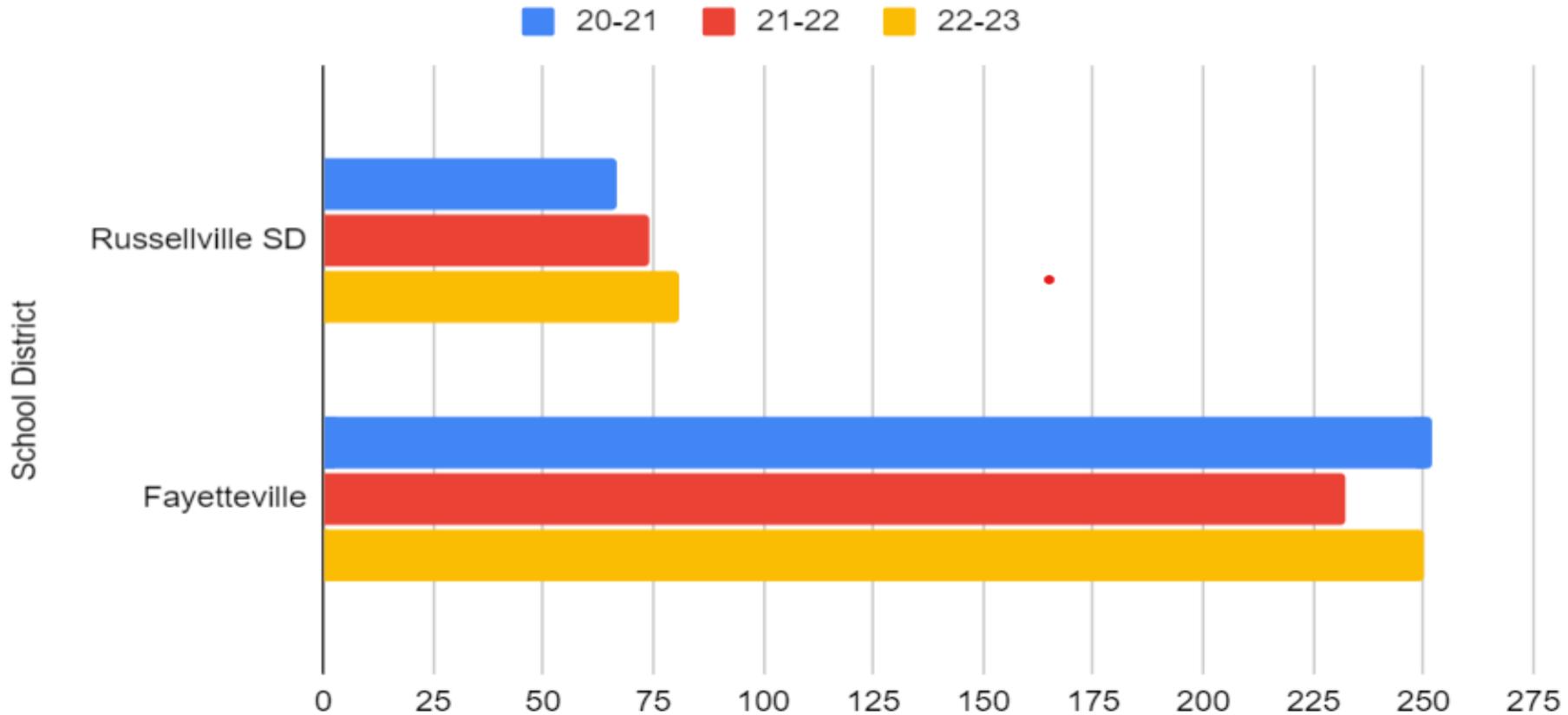
Improving & Sustaining a High Quality School Model

Improving Student Outcomes by Improving the Student's Experience



Why Russellville & Fayetteville?

RSD & FPS At-Risk Data Trend



Why Russellville & Fayetteville?

Parent Interest

Community Interest

Provide intervention and options for students who have dropped out of or are “at risk” or dropping out of high school

Students Seeking Premier Model (Flexibility, Personalized Learning, Mastery Based Learning)

Partners with community agencies and organizations that serve “at-risk” youth



Why Russellville & Fayetteville?

**Partnerships with local higher education institutions
(Arkansas Tech University Career Center, Univ. of AR,
NWACC, FPS (ALLPS), NWTI)**

**RHS Campus approx. 1,200 students vs PHS 50-60
students**

**FHS Campus approx. 3,000 students vs PHS 80-100
students**

**Alternate Educational Options and Innovative Academic
Model for Washington & Pope County**



COMMUNITY NEED

Opportunity Zone

- The United States Internal Revenue Service has identified Russellville, AR and Fayetteville, AR as an “opportunity zone”.
- Opportunity Zones are an economic development tool that help individuals identify distressed areas in the United States. The purpose of this designation is to spur economic growth and job creation in low-income communities.

Financial Support

CSP Grant

Responsive Education Solutions has been awarded 1.4 million dollars in the federal Charter School Program grant to open up PHS Fayetteville & PHS Russellville to support the following start-up costs

Staffing	Office Furniture	Curriculum	Instructional Software
Student Technology	Professional Development	Instructional Technology	Equipment
Classroom Furniture	CTE Pathways & Partnerships	Health Supplies	
Community Engagement	Security	Marketing	

Community Partners

Russellville

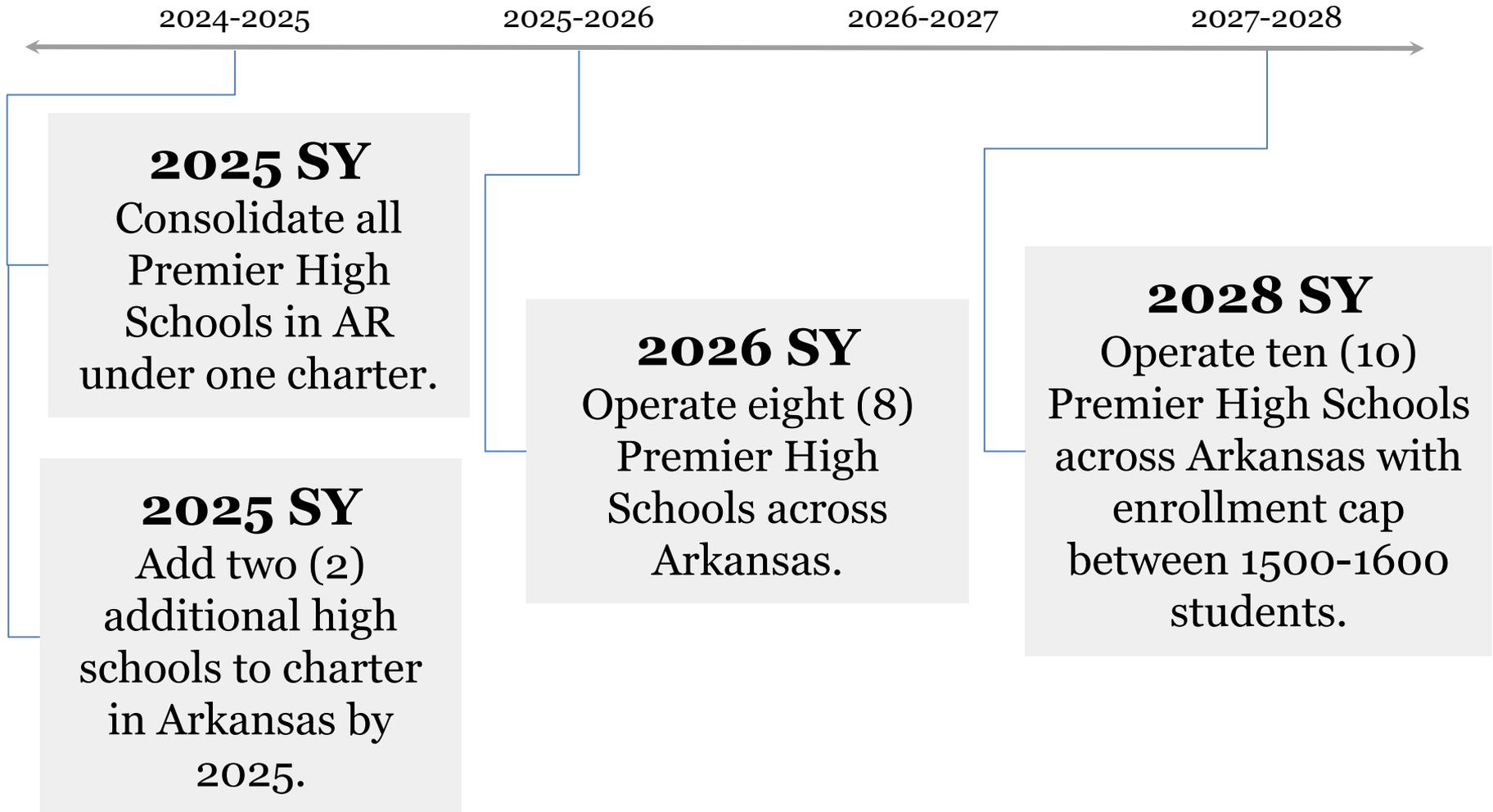
Arkansas Tech University Career Center
Russellville Juvenile Justice Division
Arkansas College of Beauty

PHS Fayetteville

Fayetteville Public Schools
Northwest Technical Institute
Chamber of Commerce
Northwest Arkansas Community College
Washington County Juvenile Drug Court



Long-Term Goals for Premier High Schools of AR



Long-Term Goals

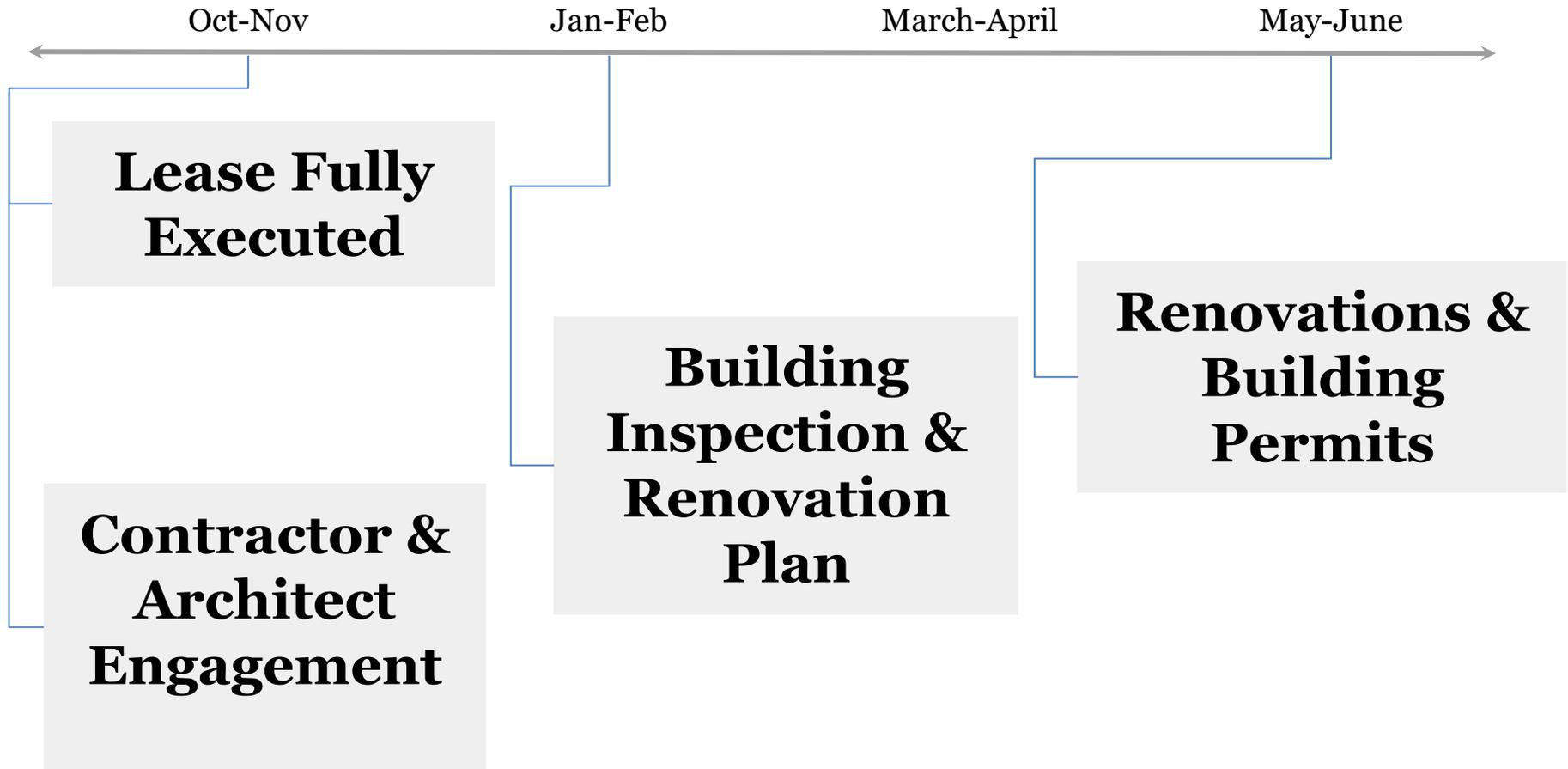
Continue to partner and build relationships with community partners and local school district.

Continue to strive to meet all charter goals outlined in charter agreement with the state of Arkansas.

Provide quality assurance and adequate support for schools located throughout AR.



School Location Timeline



Benefits to Parents, Students, & the Community

- Additional seats will be available to parents and students seeking the Premier High School model.
- Students who reside in close proximity to a Premier High School will have the opportunity to engage in an innovative, encouraging learning environment.
- Arkansas students and parents who are seeking a personalized learning environment can enroll in Premier High School.



ResponsiveEd AR PREMIER GRADUATES



10 Year Anniversary Serving Arkansas

Inaugural Graduating Class:
10 graduates (2014)

Anticipate awarding over
150 high school diplomas
this year

More than **300** AR
Premier graduates to date

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Premier High School



“Where the success of our students matter the most”

“Aiming to be responsive to the needs of the Arkansas communities”

Questions?

