# PACT

### Promoting Attendance in Children and Teens

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## **PACT**Promoting Attendance in Children and Teens

### **PACT Goal:**

To <u>proactively</u> build strong relationships between the school, students, families and community members to foster healthy habits in ensuring all students are at school. We work to solve problems through support and understanding to remove any barriers a student or family might have.

### Collaborations with (but not limited to):

Students

**Families** 

Janesville Police Department - SRO's

City of Janesville - Janesville Transit System (city bus)





### **Jackson Elementary School**

Traditional/reactive approaches to attendance were not working.

 Home visits once a student was truant, conferences, meetings, groups, waiting until they were truant to hold meetings/meet were proving ineffective.

### Patterns were developing

- SRO would make repeated home visits with the truant students.
- Students would have 48 absences but wouldn't be considered truant because there were medical excuses.





### **How it Started**

**2014/2015** - SWAT (Students working on Attendance and Tardies)
Weekly checkin's with truant students by Social Worker - not effective

**2018/2019** - Collaboration with Janesville Police Department and school SRO - Seeing an increase in chronically absent students vs. truant students. Started DAILY Check-in's

**Summer 2019** - first summer home visits to 34 families for students who missed over 10% of school with SRO, Principal and School Social Worker.

Fall 2019 - Longitudinal Data Tracking begins





### **District Involvement Timeline**

January 2020: Presented to the SDJ Board of Education with our data.

Janesville Gazette News Article
NBC15 news did a segment on our growth.

**2020/2021 School Year** - First pathway meetings with Elementary, Middle and high school - collaborations were necessary

**2021/2022 School Year** - PACT Advocates

2023/2024 School Year - Collaboration with Janesville Transit System





### Jackson Elementary School

### **Demographics**

Title 1 School White - 60.9%

EL Population: 18.8% Hispanic - 29.2%

Students with Disabilities: 20.9% Two or more races - 6.9%

Poverty Rate: 81.5% Black - 2.2

Asian - .6%

<sup>\*</sup>As reported on the 2022-2023 School Report Card and WiseDash





### Jackson Elementary School

### **Report Card Data**

2022-2023 Report Card: 83.8 - Significantly Exceeds Expectations

2021-2022 Report Card: 82.0 - Exceeds Expectations

2020-2021 Report Card: 67.9 - Meets Expectations

2019-2020 - No report cards

2018-2019 - 60.5 - Meets few expectations \*

<sup>\*</sup> PACT home visits started summer 2019





### End of School Year Home Visits

End of year data gathered from Infinite Campus and WiseDash.

Principal, School Social Worker and School Resource Officer make home visits to targeted families over the span of 2-4 days the week after school is out.

Students who miss 10% of School (includes ALL reasons). Usually 17 or 18 days of school missed.

- 100% positive connection with families.
- What barriers do you have?
- What can we help with?
- What do you need from us?
- Collaborative support for families. Connecting school, home and the community.

Take with attendance print out from the school year, district's attendance policy handout, information/handouts from Attendance Works, give all families our contact information.





### **Monitoring Data**

Data looked at every week and add students to the PACT Check - In's.

### 2023/2024 School Year:

Started with 48 students on September 1, 2023 as identified from 2022/2023 data with students who missed 10% of school or more during the 22/23 school year.

### Data as of 2/15/24

Currently checking in with 78 students K-5.

27 students have missed 10% of school with a parent or unexcused absence.





# Counting the Days OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APRIL MAY

### Daily Check-in Sheet

Daily check-in's

Quick

Tracking absences, not tardies

Green - At school Red - Absent X - No School

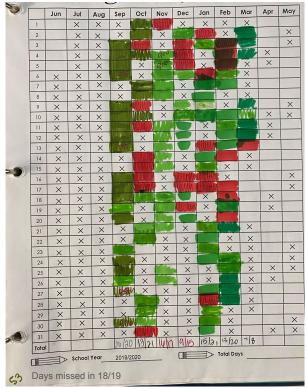
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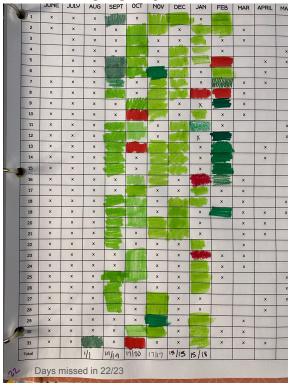


### **Current 5th grade student**

### 2019/2020 1st Grade



2023/2024



### **Longitudinal Data**

Days Missed per school year

18/19 - 53

19/20 - 32 \*through March 13

20/21 - 19 \*Covid

21/22 - 25

22/23 - 22

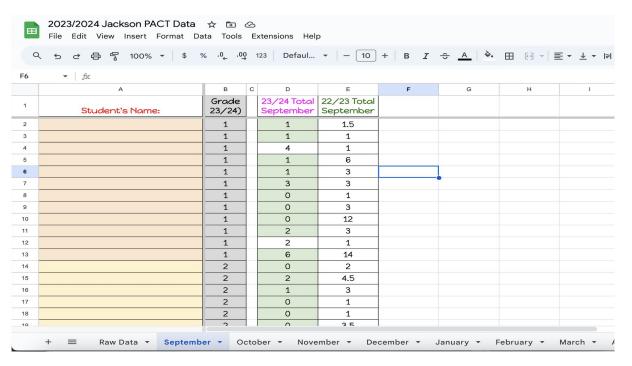
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### **Current Data**

### Targeted students from summer home visits







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		Total Absences			
	Current Year # of Absences	Previous Year # of Absences	Difference	Percentange Increase in attendance	% students with improved attendance
September	53	134.5	-81.5	62%	41/49 = 84%
October	106	141	-35	25%	39/49 = 79%
November	109	151	-42	28%	34/48 = 70%
December	68	154	-89	56%	41/48 = 85%
January	150	154.5	-4.5	3%	22/48 = 45%
February		214			
March					
April					
May					
June					
Total:	486	949	-252	34%	





### District Initiatives PACT Advocates

### **PACT Advocates**

Hired through ESSER funding in 2021 (limited 3 year grant).

5 PACT advocates throughout the school district.

1 at each of the middle Schools (3 total).

1 at each of the high schools (2 total).

Works closely with the school social worker.

Builds positive relationships with students and families. Identify barriers with students who have attendance concerns, daily check-ins, home visits, attendance and truancy meetings, etc.





## District Initiatives Janesville Transit System

Janesville Transit System collaboration with the School District of Janesville

Barrier - transportation to school \*school social workers have identified that as one of the biggest barriers historically

The JTS collaboration was negotiated with the City of Janesville and Superintendent Holzman over the summer of 2023. The program allows SDJ students to ride any in-city route at any time fare-free, providing the student shows their ID.

September ridership up 158%.





### YTD 2023/2024 Jackson Data

#### School Wide Data

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16	Overall At	Overall Attendance Rate Percentage			YTD Attendance Rate	
17		2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	
18	September	95.78	93.75	95.87	93.61	
19	October	93.6	93.19	94.94	93.63	
20	November	93.5	91.64	94.58	93	
21	December	94.15	88.36	94.61	92.13	
22	January	89.14	92.34	94.05	92.15	
23	February					
24	March					
25	April					
26	May					
27	June					
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