School Year	School Division	Economic Subgroup	Students Enrolled	% of Student Pop	Absentee Students	% of Absentee Pop	% Absenteeism ****	Students Enrolled (VA)	% Student Pop (VA)	% Absenteeism (VA)	Weighted # of Absentee Students	Weighted % of Absenteeism	Difference Btwn Weighted and Actual Absenteeism
2015-16	Chesterfield County	TOTAL	59,705		1,852.00		3.20%	1284114		10.40%	5,784.29	9.69%	6.49%
		ADVANTAGED **	41357	69.27%	649.00		1.87%	784164	61.07%	7.02%	2,903.65		
		DISADVANTAGED	18,348	30.73%	1,203.00		6.20%	499950	38.93%	15.70%	2,880.64		
		HOMELESS ***	316	0.53%	80.00		14.70%	8771	0.68%	32.00%			
2018-19		TOTAL	61,608		6,223.00		10.30%	1290513		10.60%	6,040.74	9.81%	-0.49%
		ADVANTAGED **	41,878	67.97%	1,795.00		7.24%	769,866	59.66%	6.75%	2,824.75		
		DISADVANTAGED	19730	32.03%	4,428.00		16.80%	520647	40.34%	16.30%	3,215.99		
		HOMELESS ***	407	0.66%	302.00		40.80%	10057	0.78%	34.00%			
2021-22		TOTAL	62,445		12,078.00		19.60%	1252752		20.10%	11,863.10	19.00%	-0.60%
		ADVANTAGED **	41,240	66.04%	5,762.00		13.85%	741150	59.16%	13.40%	5,527.62		
		DISADVANTAGED	21260	34.05%	6,316.00		30.70%	511620	40.84%	29.80%	6,335.48		
		HOMELESS ***	304	0.49%	318.00		56%	7389	0.59%	50.90%			
2015-16	Hanover County	TOTAL	18,062		729.00		4.10%	1284114		10.40%	1,481.02	8.20%	4.10%
		ADVANTAGED **	15609	86.42%	454.00		3.16%	784164	61.07%	7.02%	1,095.90		
		DISADVANTAGED	2453	13.58%	275.00		10.10%	499950	38.93%	15.70%	385.12		
		HOMELESS ***	56	0.31%	18.00		29.00%	8771	0.68%	32.00%			
2018-19		TOTAL	17,727		804.00		4.60%	1290513		10.60%	1,514.97	8.55%	3.95%
		ADVANTAGED **	14,384	81.14%	424.00		3.11%	769,866	59.66%	6.75%	970.23		
		DISADVANTAGED	3342	18.85%	380.00		11%	520647	40.34%	16.30%	544.75		
		HOMELESS ***	29	0.16%	18.00		40%	10057	0.78%	34.00%			
2021-22		TOTAL	16,865		1,300.00		7.80%	1252752		20.10%	2,937.19	17.42%	9.62%
		ADVANTAGED **	12,738	75.53%	489.00		4.75%	741150	59.16%	13.40%	1,707.34		
		DISADVANTAGED	4127	24.47%	811.00		17.20%	511620	40.84%	29.80%	1,229.85		
		HOMELESS ***	18	0.11%	26.00		63.40%	7389	0.59%	50.90%			
2015-16	Henrico County	TOTAL	51,534		4,467.00		8.80%	1284114		10.40%	5,557.33	10.78%	1.98%
		ADVANTAGED **	29191	56.64%	1,547.00		4.82%	784164	61.07%	7.02%	2,049.48		
		DISADVANTAGED	22,343	43.36%	2,920.00		14.00%	499950	38.93%	15.70%	3,507.85		
		HOMELESS ***	343	0.67%	243.00		35.50%	8771	0.68%	32.00%			
2018-19		TOTAL	51,523		816.00		10.10%	1290513		10.60%	5,568.40	10.81%	0.71%
		ADVANTAGED **	29,617	57.48%	194.00		5.66%	769,866	59.66%	6.75%	1,997.72		
		DISADVANTAGED	21,906	42.52%	622.00		16.10%	520647	40.34%	16.30%	3,570.68		
		HOMELESS ***	586	1.14%	7.00		38.80%	10057	0.78%	34.00%			
2021-22		TOTAL	49,991		9,249.00		18.80%	1252752		20.10%	10,492.41	20.99%	2.19%
		ADVANTAGED **	26,865	53.74%	2,198.00		9.76%	741150	59.16%	13.40%	3,600.86		
		DISADVANTAGED	23126	46.26%	7,051.00		29.30%	511620	40.84%	29.80%	6,891.55		
		HOMELESS ***	329	0.66%	359.00		56.60%	7389	0.59%	50.90%			
2015-16	Richmond City	TOTAL	23,980		4,562.00		20.80%	1284114		10.40%	3,138.15	13.09%	-7.71%
		ADVANTAGED **	7,221	29.73%	568.00	12.45%	14.07%	784164	61.07%	7.02%	506.98		
		DISADVANTAGED	16759	69.00%	3,994.00	87.55%	23.70%	499950	38.93%	15.70%	2,631.16		
		HOMELESS ***	308	1.27%	525.00	11.51%	42.40%	8771	0.68%	32.00%			
		*TRUED TOTAL**	24,288										
2018-19		TOTAL	24,763		3,396.00		14.80%	1290513		10.60%	3,221.73	13.01%	-1.79%
		ADVANTAGED **	8,526	34.43%	525.00	15.46%	7.56%	769,866	59.66%	6.75%	575.09		
		DISADVANTAGED	16,237	65.57%	2,871.00	84.54%	18.60%	520647	40.34%	16.30%	2,646.63		
		HOMELESS ***	501	2.02%	374.00	11.01%	36.20%	10057	0.78%	34.00%			
2021-22		TOTAL	21,179		5,596.00		27.70%	1252752		20.10%	4,850.42	22.90%	-4.80%
		ADVANTAGED **	8,910	42.07%	814.00	14.55%	18.89%	741150	59.16%	13.40%	1,194.26		
		DISADVANTAGED	12,269	57.93%	4,782.00	85.45%	34.10%	511620	40.84%	29.80%	3,656.16		
		HOMELESS ***	308	1.45%	318.00	5.68%	58.80%	7389	0.59%	50.90%			

Disclosure:

I pulled all**** of this information from the VDOE Website. Enrollment Data is available here. Chronic Absentee reports are here.

I compared data from three school years, each 3 years apart: 2015-16, 2018-19, 2021-22. In RPS, this covers one of Bedden's last years in the district, one of Kamras' first years in the district, and the only pandemic year that our division reports reliable data. (This Board Presentation indicates that our virtual year, 2020-21, underreports absences.)

"Weighted" numbers reflect how each division WOULD have performed if their economic sub groups were absent at the same rate as the state's average.

*These reports each represent a snapshot in time. Enrollment data is collected in September. Absentee reports are collected at the end of the school year. As you might expect, these records do not perfectly align. This is especially true for our most transient populations (like those VDOE reports identify as "homeless"). These fluctuations do not interfere with this exercise, since general trends remain intact.

**VDOE only reports on whether a student is or is not economically disadvantaged. In the charts below, I label "anyone who isn't identified as economically disadvantaged" as "Advantaged." This is an imperfect label, but it does make charts and graphs a lot easier to read.

***Homelessness is not a direct measure of economic status, but it is correlated. I include it in these discussions to illustrate the impact of extreme economic stress on school attendance.

**** In their Chronic Absenteeism reports, the VDOE reports the (Total # of C.A. Students), and the (# of Economically Disadvantaged C.A. Students). They do NOT report the (# of Economically advantaged C.A. Students). The chart below estimates these numbers using simple math:

(TOTAL CHRONIC ABSENT)-(DISADVANTAGED CHRONIC ABSENT) = (ADVANTAGED CHRONIC ABSENT)