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Devotional Message

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*Introduce
Yourself*



Progress from the Collective Effort

RODNEY COOK, SR. PARK IN VINE CITY



Sidewalks are currently being poured at Cook Park. The park's 16' wide festival sidewalks will be the first to be installed and are designed to allow for festival tents to be put up and provide space for pedestrian traffic to pass by during seasonal events in Vine City's new 16-acre green space.

Cook Park's expansive 650' long steel bridge that spans the Cook Park pond will begin to have concrete poured in December. Following the concrete's curing, handrails with integrated lighting will be installed to provide for a fully accessible and scenic view of the entire site.

Boulders from the Bellwood Quarry site will be placed throughout the Cook Park site to add to the ambience of the project's native landscape plantings. Boulders will also be located in strategic areas to offer seating for park users.

Cook Park is designed to seamlessly integrate functional engineering features within a programmed park space while providing park amenities to visitors of all ages and abilities with ways to gather, connect and enjoy nature including: a playground, splash pad, aeration fountain, and great lawn, along with a market plaza, multi-purpose courts, and an amphitheater stage.



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Creating the Beloved Community



Since you cannot find the universal and beloved community, create it.

Josiah Royce (1913)

One of Royce's students in the 1890s was W.E.B. Du Bois, who arrived in Atlanta in 1897 to establish a sociology program at Atlanta University and develop the university's curriculum. It is possible W.E.B. Du Bois and others could have discussed the idea of the "beloved community" and its embodiment in the Atlanta University Center and Vine City neighborhoods as early as Du Bois' arrival in Atlanta. Since the late 1860s, white and black educators, black students, and working class white and black residents had been living in the historic Westside.

conciliation; the end is redemption; the creation of the Beloved Community. Spirit and this type of love that can convert enemies into friends. It is this type of goodwill that will transform the old age into the exuberant new age. It is this love which will miraculously appear in the hearts of men.

Luther King, Jr. from "Facing the Challenge of a New Age," 1956

The term, "beloved community" is credited to Josiah Royce (1855-1916), a Harvard professor, philosopher, who taught at Harvard from 1910.

He defined the beloved community the principles" and spoke of the beloved community as a place where all those "fully dedicated to the pursuit of truth, and reality itself" were drawn from a distinctly Christian perspective. He emphasized religious communities at their core and the mystery of loving membership in which participation was enacted through personal cause that one serves with heart and soul and strength."

It is your own cause, your interesting, personally engaging cause; serve it with heart and soul and strength; but do not choose to serve it, that thereby you show forth your loyalty, so that because of your choice of cause, there is a maximum of influence among your fellow [human beings]."

Dr. King's mentor, Howard Thurman, was also a student of Royce and colleague of W.E.B. Du Bois. He used the term "beloved community" as an inspirational lens "to perceive [in the world] a harmony that transcends all diversities and in which diversity finds its richness and significance." He broadened the concept from Royce's specifically Christian orientation and emphasized the importance of truly integrated communities beyond legal integration and emphasized the importance of a radically nonexclusionary community.

During Thurman's lifetime, the historic Westside served as a nerve center of civil rights activism even as the effects of legal segregation remained in the community.

Community cannot for long feed on itself. It can only flourish with the coming of others from beyond, their unknown and undiscovered brothers and sisters.

Howard Thurman 1971

Dr. King takes the thinking of Royce and Thurman forward with his belief that we can "actualize the Beloved Community." Walter Fluker writes that the "beloved community" is Dr. King's "single, organizing principle of [his] life and thought."

Our goal is to create a beloved community, and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.

Martin Luther King, Jr., 1966

Nov. 16, 2019 - Omenala Griot Museum



Thank You to Our Volunteers!



FOUNDATION

Vision, Mission, and Values

VISION

A community Dr. King would be proud to call home.

MISSION

To advance a compassionate approach to neighborhood revitalization that creates a diverse, mixed-income community, improves the quality of life for current and future residents, and elevates the Historic Westside's unique history and culture.

VALUES

Do with the Community, not to the Community

We know that residents are the real experts on the challenges in their community. Therefore, we learn from residents and involve them in all we do.

Be Compassionate

We meet residents where they are in a spirit of empathy and respect.

Have Integrity in Everything

We stand behind all we say and do. We are open, honest, and courageous.

Be Creative

We bring high energy and fresh ideas to tackling the long-standing challenges on the westside. We're dedicated to trying different approaches to get different results.

Deliver Results

We're committed to driving transformation in the long term, with a focus on measurable outcomes today.

We have
an all
volunteer
Board of
Directors.



Richard Dugas *Board
Chair*
*Retired President & CEO,
PulteGroup, Inc.*



Beverly Tatum
Board Vice-Chair,
*President Emeritus,
Spelman College*



**Reverend Kenneth
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Antioch Baptist Church North*



Michael Bond
*Atlanta City Council Post
1 At-Large*



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*Vice President of Community
Affairs and Executive Director,
The Chick-fil-A Foundation*



Mark Chancy
*Corporate Executive Vice
President of Wholesale
Banking, SunTrust, Inc.*



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*Chief Financial Officer,
Equifax*



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*President & CEO,
TM Capital*



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*Partner,
Taylor English*



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*Retired,
CEO Woodruff Arts
Center/Wachovia Bank*



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Holder Construction Company*



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National Church
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The Coca-Cola Foundation and
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Community Affairs for The
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Morehouse School of Medicine*



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*President,
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*Retired President, AT&T
Georgia*



Dave Stockert
*Retired CEO,
Post Properties*



Beverly Thomas
*Vice President of
Communications and Public
Affairs,
Kaiser Permanente*

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Robyn Washington
Development
Coordinator



Elizabeth Wilkes
Administrative Assistant



Cristel Williams
Director of
Development

A Dedicated Team



The Roles We Play

The Westside Future Fund's role in supporting and/or driving impact will vary depending on the theme and stage of development



Impact Strategies



CONVENING & ENGAGING COMMUNITY

Coming Soon: WFF will Expand MOU with Booker T. Washington High School



Dr. Angela Coaxum-Young
Principal,
Booker T. Washington
High School



“Home on the Westside” Community Retention Guidelines **prioritize individuals with significant ties to WFF’s target neighborhoods using the following criteria:**

- **Residency:** Families and individuals who live within WFF’s geographic footprint.
- **Affiliations with designated organizations or institutions within WFF’s geographic footprint:** Individuals currently working in WFF target neighborhoods, Atlanta Public Schools Washington Cluster families; graduates of the Atlanta University Center member institutions; Booker T. Washington High School alumni
- **Families with children:** Must have at least one child that is younger than 18 years
- **Cost burdened:** People who are currently spend 50% or more of their net income on housing

2019 Year End Report

- **97** affordable rental units are in service: 66% of the tenants earn an AMI of 60 percent or less.
- **74** affordable rental units are either under development or in design: Half are expected to be ready for occupancy by late Summer 2020.
- **50** single-family homes are expected to be ready for occupancy starting in mid-2020.



HOME ON THE
WESTSIDE

2019 Year End Report

- **112** homeowners have been approved for the Anti-Displacement Tax Fund.
- **5** families in the English Avenue community have received a total of **\$175K** in down-payment assistance from Westside Future Fund.



HOME ON THE
WESTSIDE

Interested in Home on the Westside?

Contact WFF via email, phone or in-person.

Email: home@westsidefuturefund.org

Phone: 470-377-1696

Westside Future Fund Leasing office:

Villas at the Dome in Vine City (515 Rhodes Street NW); Hours: 9AM – 5:00 PM, Monday – Friday.



“State of the School” Update



Dr. Diamond Ford
Principal,
M. R. Hollis Innovation Academy







Hollis Innovation Academy



Watch later



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Hollis Innovation Academy

A PK-8 EL Education Expeditionary STEM School

Class of 2020

Hollis Innovation Academy's First Graduating Class

Legacy

Booker T. Washington High School's
100th Graduating Class

Class of 2024

100

Mission

We are an innovative school that exposes students to rich experiences that will allow them to dream bigger and lead choice-filled lives.

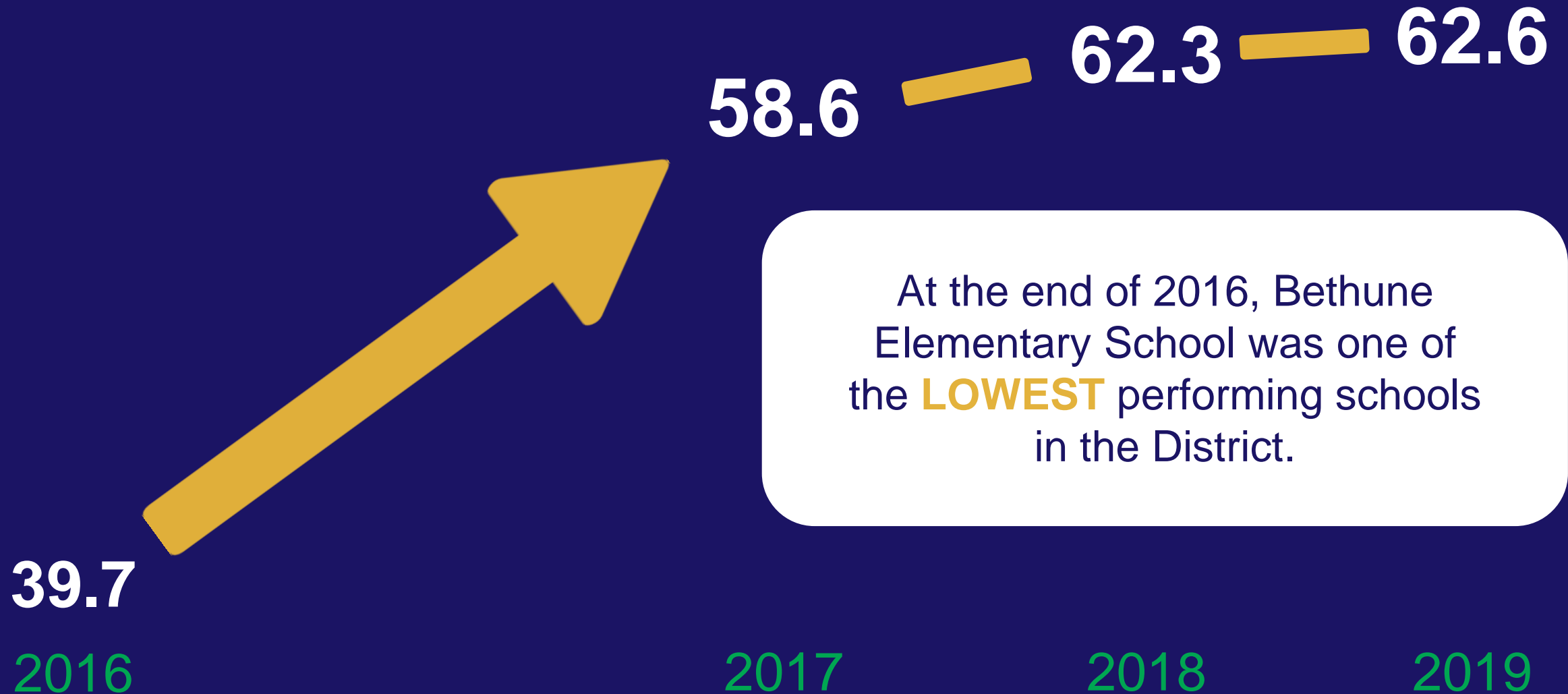
Vision

We equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to tap into their talents and unique purpose.



CCRPI

College & Career Ready Performance Index



2016

**APS
Turnaround
Strategy
Implemented**



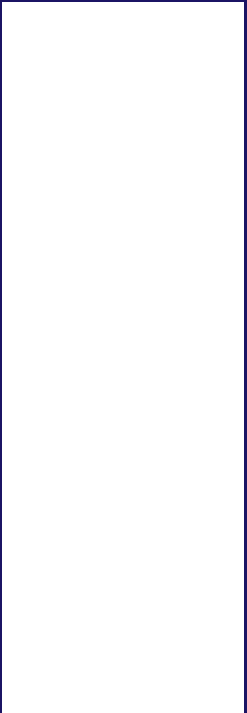
2019

**Turnaround
Eligible List**

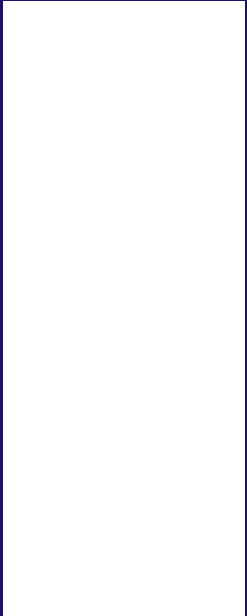
Hollis Innovation
Academy

Percentage of Students at Beginning Level Across all Subject Areas

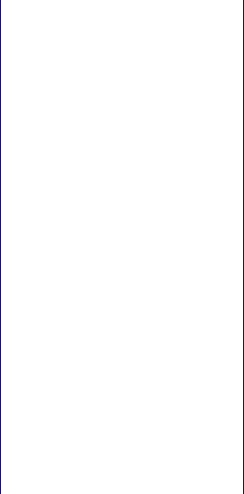
Turnaround Strategy Implemented



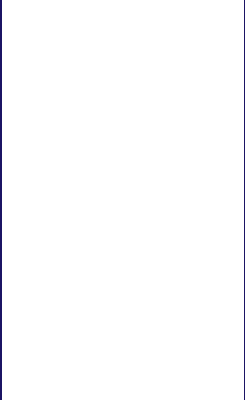
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2017



2018



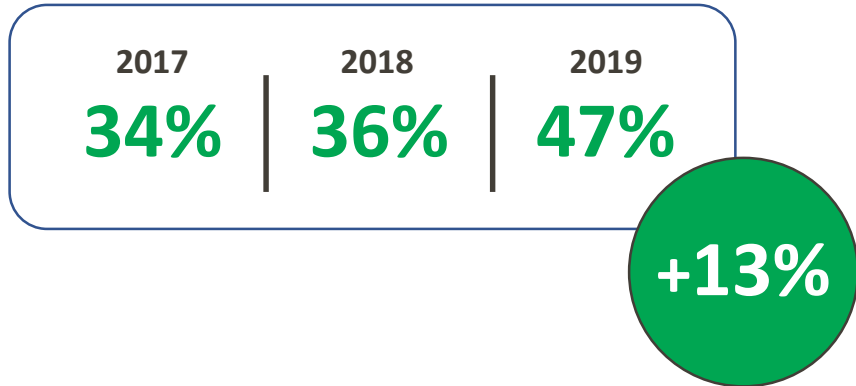
2019



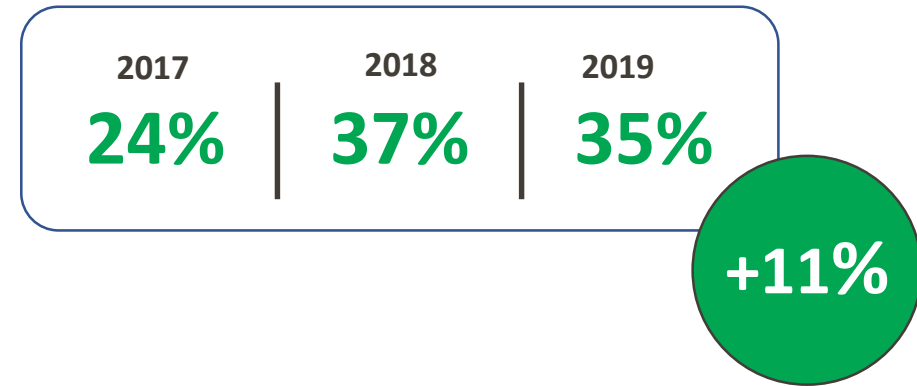
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Percent of students performing at **Developing & Above** in all content areas on the Georgia Milestone Assessment Systems (GMAS)

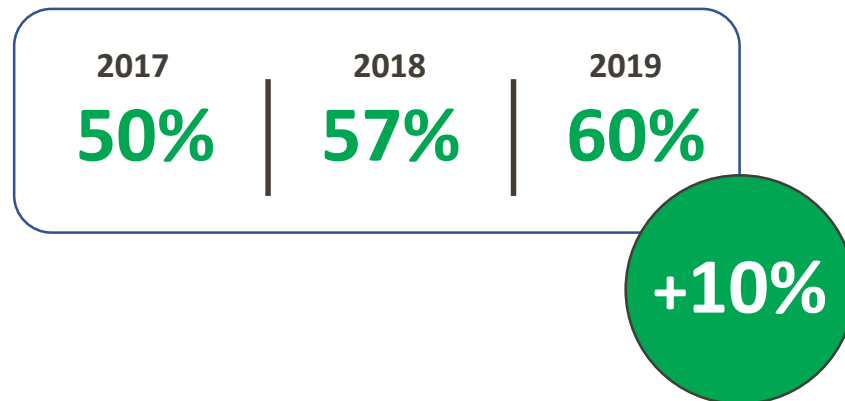
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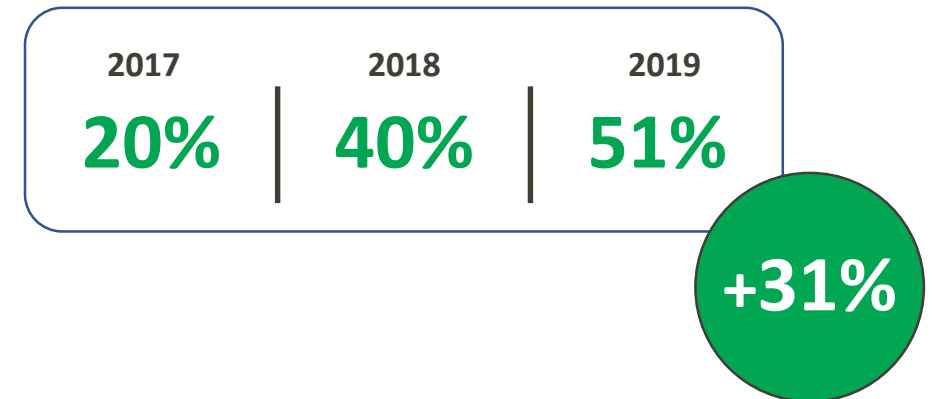
Science



Mathematics

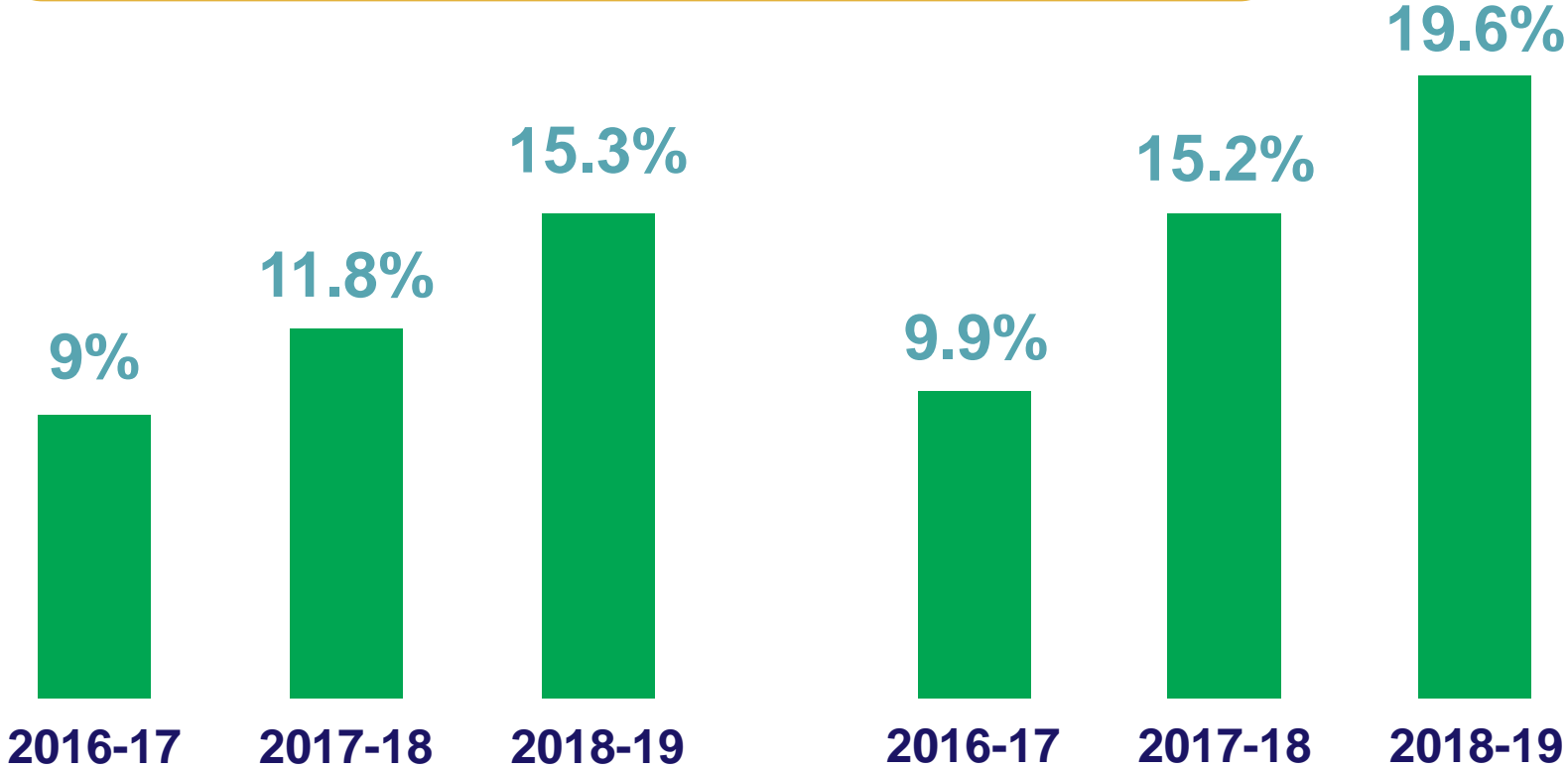


Social Studies



Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS)

Percent of students scoring Proficient and Above



English/Language Arts (ELA)

Math



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Hollis Innovation Academy's First Graduating Class

Legacy

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Class of 2024

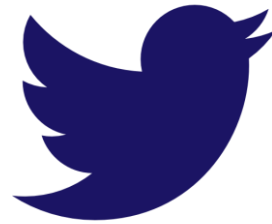
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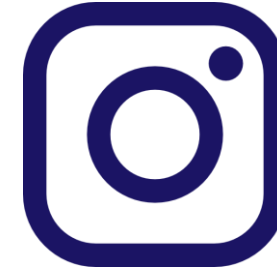
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See you next time,

Friday, January 17, 2020!