



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
Early Childhood
Education

Legislative Budget Presentation

January 26, 2021

Secretary Barbara Cooper, Ph.D.



Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education



Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education Transition Committee

- Eliminating programmatic silos for increased collaboration and coordination across Alabama's early childhood programs
- Addressing generational poverty and mitigating its negative effects on young children and families
- Increasing program access, particularly for children in poverty
- Supporting and uplifting Alabama's early childhood workforce
- Strengthening data collection and systems
- Increasing developmental screening and access to early intervention services
- Supporting early literacy



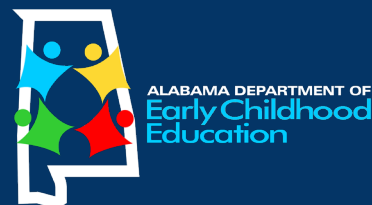
Governor Kay Ivey



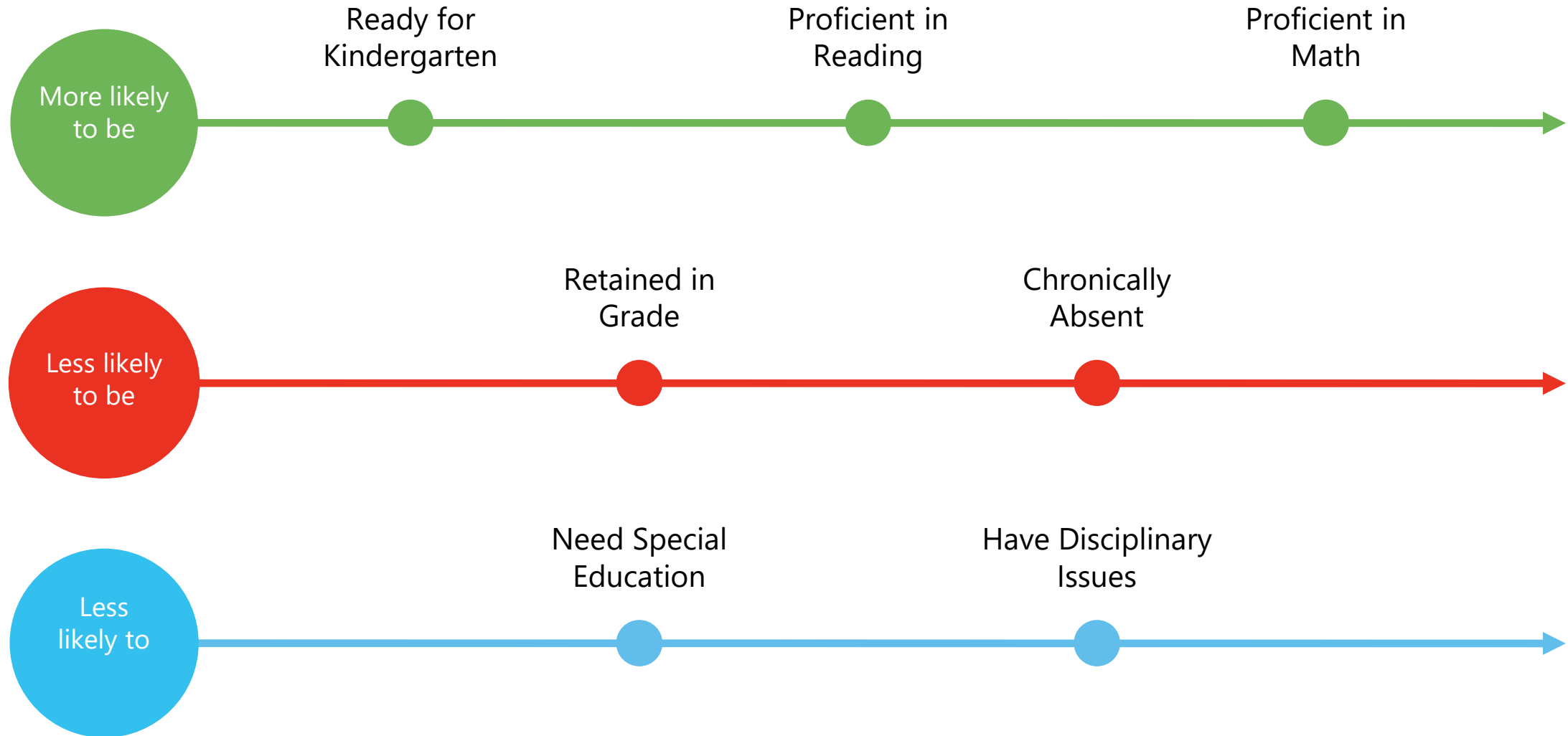
Rep. Terri Collins

Lawmakers, Agency Heads,
Education Stakeholders

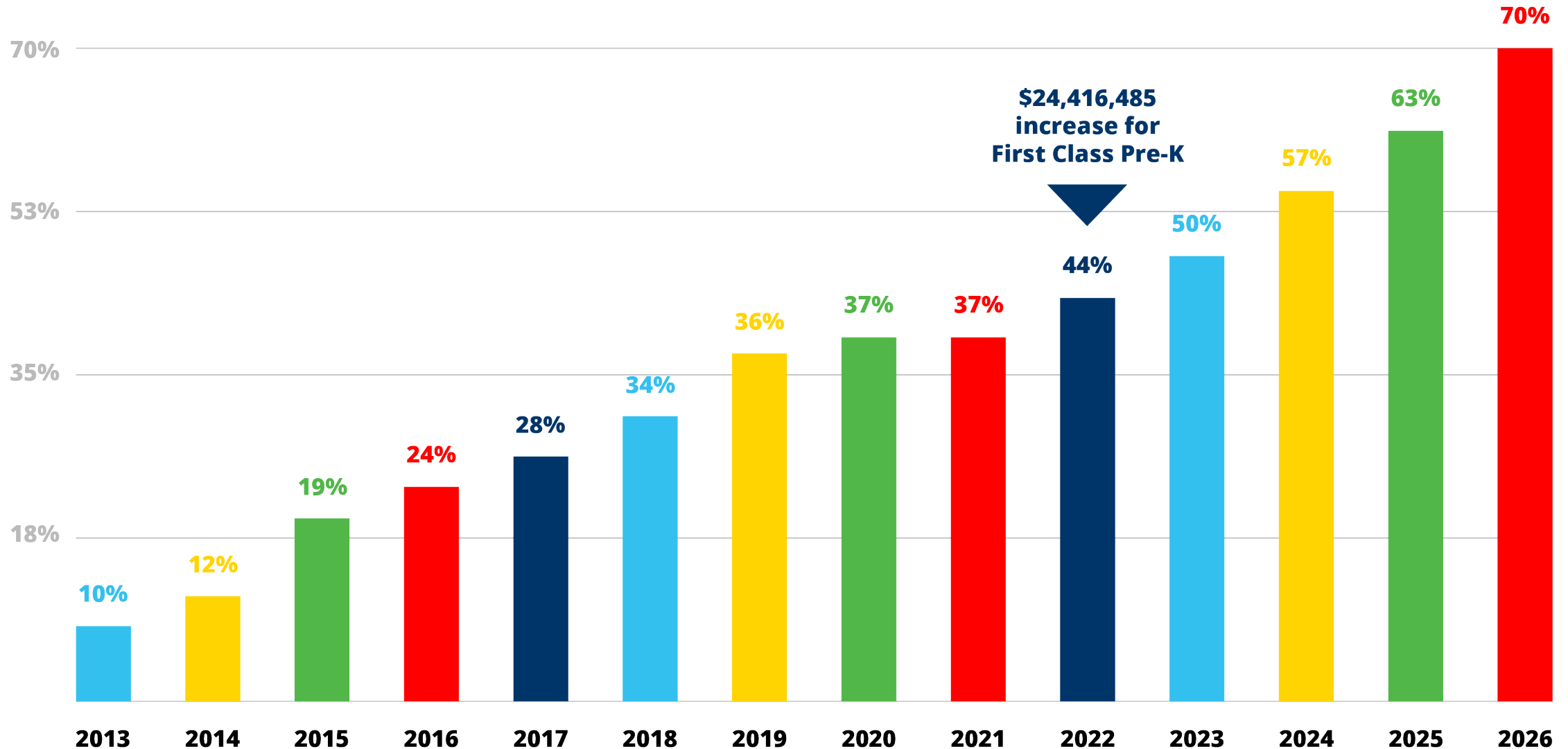
4 monthly meetings:
October 2020 – January 2021



Children Who Attend First Class Pre-K are:



Children with Access to First Class Pre-K



First Class Pre-K

\$24.4 million increase for First Class Pre-K will allow us to serve a greater percentage of Alabama's 4-year-olds, including the 3,000 who are on waiting lists.

HIPPY-First Teacher Home Visiting Program

Evidence-Based Models

- HIPPY
- Parents as Teachers
- Nurse-Family Partnership



In FY2020

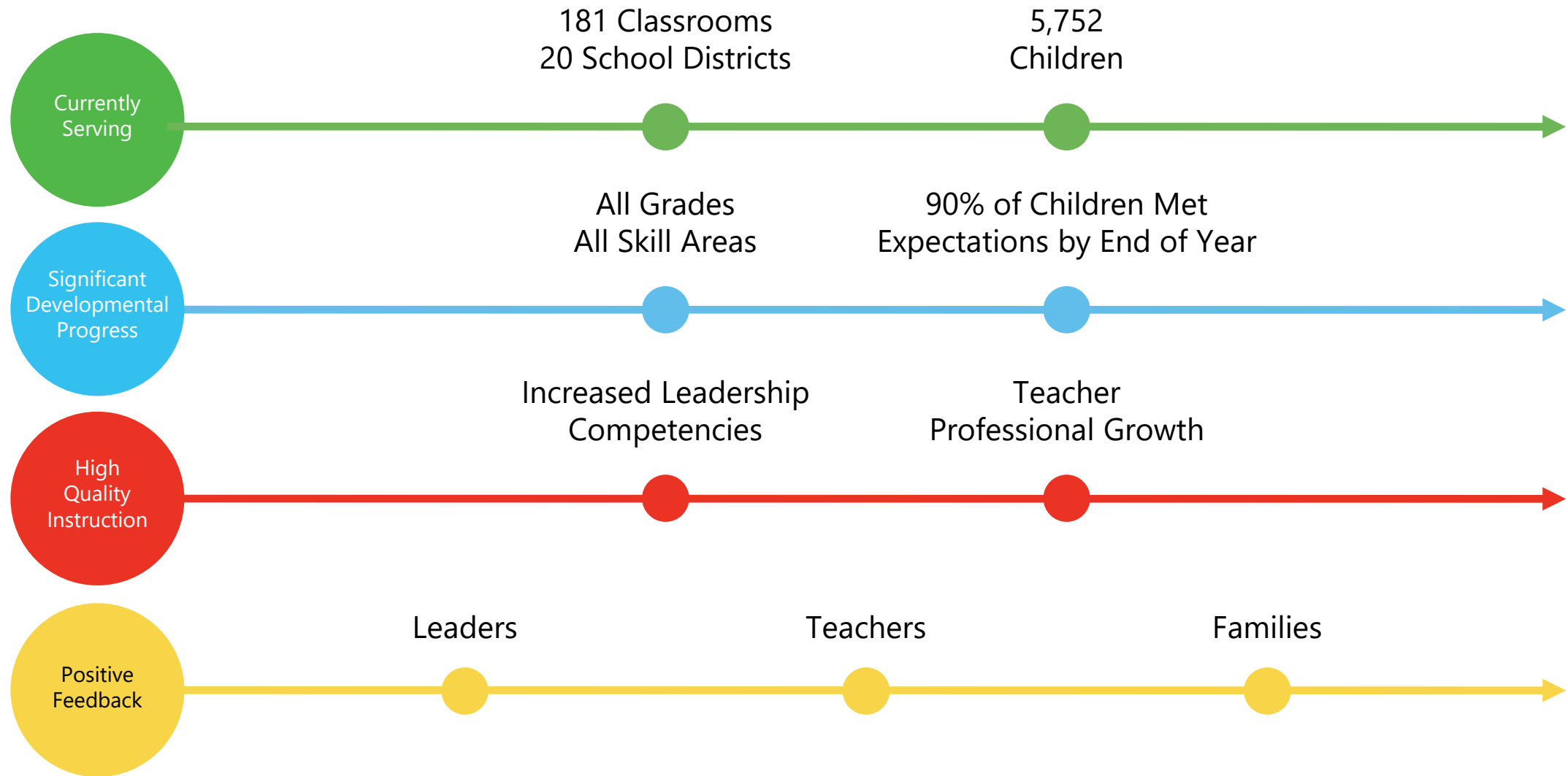
- 3,485 families served
- 54,809 home visits
- 3,955 children screened for developmental delays
- 1,927 Intimate Partner Violence screenings
- 2,353 parent-child interaction screenings

HIPPY-First Teacher Home Visiting Program

\$1.8 million increase will allow us to serve an additional 400 children and their families on the waiting lists and continue to focus on quality.

Strong Start Strong Finish

Alabama Pre-K – 3rd Grade Integrated Approach to Early Learning



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\$1.6 million increase will allow us to meet requested needs and serve even more leaders, teachers, and families.

Workforce Development

- Supporting today's working families through high quality early care and education
- Ensuring tomorrow's workforce is prepared for school success
- Ensuring pay parity for more than 2,400 pre-k teachers with the same education requirements as K-12 teachers



Alabama Family Central

- \$500,000 continued funding request
- Collaboration of state agencies and partners supporting Alabama's families with resources, services and more to help raise healthy, happy kids

Operations & Management

- \$118,955 funding increase request
- Head Start federal collaboration grant match
- Will cover our increase in staffing and the rising costs of grant administration and data system building



Impacting Children, Impacting the Future

High-quality early childhood programs can increase economic mobility for two generations by freeing working parents to build their careers and by developing children's skills that lead to lifelong success.
(Heckman & Garcia, 2016)



Thank you!

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