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# WILBUR CROSS AND ALIVE: DEVELOPING A TRAUMA-INFORMED PARTNERSHIP

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# THE STORY OF WILBUR CROSS

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# WILBUR CROSS STATS

**2016-2017**

**Total Enrollment - 1539**

## **Subgroups**

- ▶ FRL - 63%
- ▶ Special Education - 17%
- ▶ ELL - 22%

## **Sex**

- ▶ Female - 49%
- ▶ Male - 51%

## **Race / Ethnicity**

- ▶ Hispanic - 58%
- ▶ Asian - 1%
- ▶ White - 11%
- ▶ Black - 29%



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# WILBUR CROSS STATS



## Attendance Data

- ▶ **2012 - 2013**
  - ▶ Enrollment - 1444
  - ▶ Average Daily Attendance - 83.78%
  - ▶ Chronic Absenteeism - 45.4%
  
- ▶ **2015 - 2016**
  - ▶ Average Daily Attendance - 86%
  - ▶ Chronic Absenteeism - 42%
  
- ▶ **2016 - 2017**
  - ▶ Average Daily Attendance - 92%
  - ▶ Chronic Absenteeism - 31%

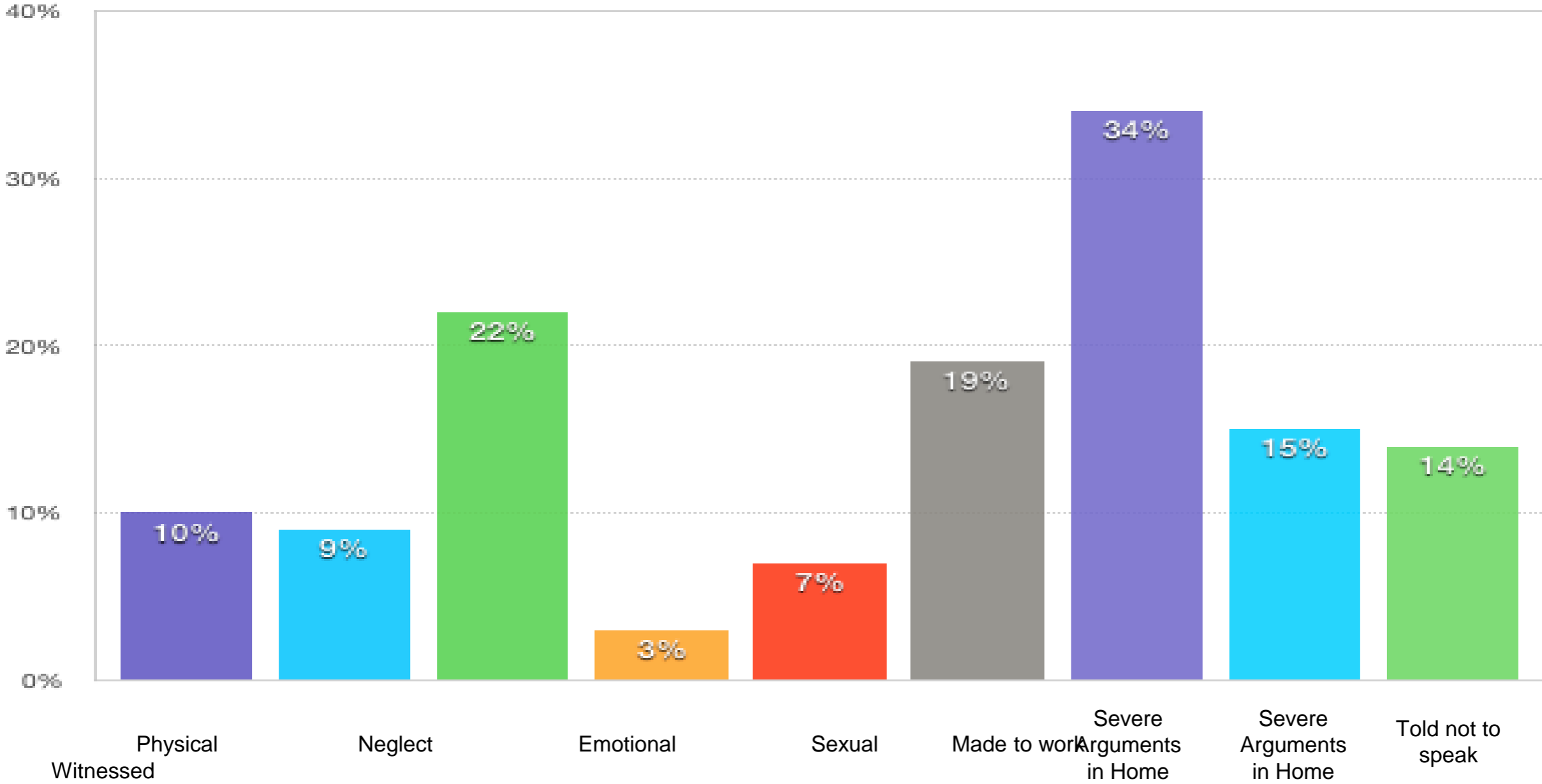
# THE IMPACT OF TRAUMA AT CROSS

## Prevalence of Trauma

- ▶ ALIVE Questionnaire given to students in International Academy in 2015-16
- ▶ 247 students surveyed
- ▶ 70% of students report at least one traumatic life event and psychological symptoms as a result
- ▶ 89% chose to put their name on the survey

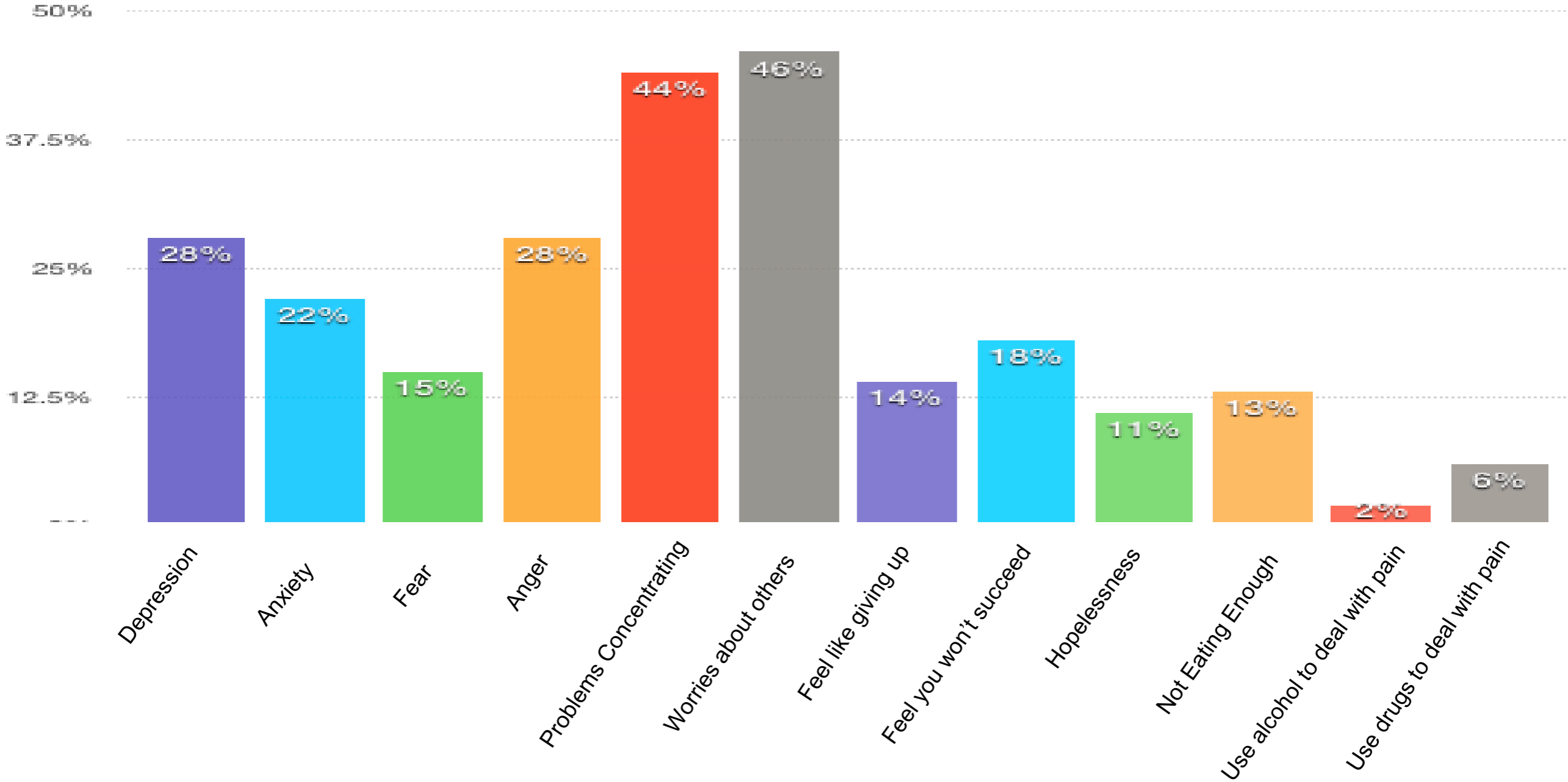
# THE IMPACT OF TRAUMA AT CROSS

## Events Reported



# THE IMPACT OF TRAUMA AT CROSS

## Symptoms Reported



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# DEVELOPING A RESPONSIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH ALIVE

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# GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF



- ▶ Public health model
- ▶ Stress reduction
- ▶ Academics are the priority
- ▶ Helping students understand their triggers
- ▶ “An ounce of prevention...”

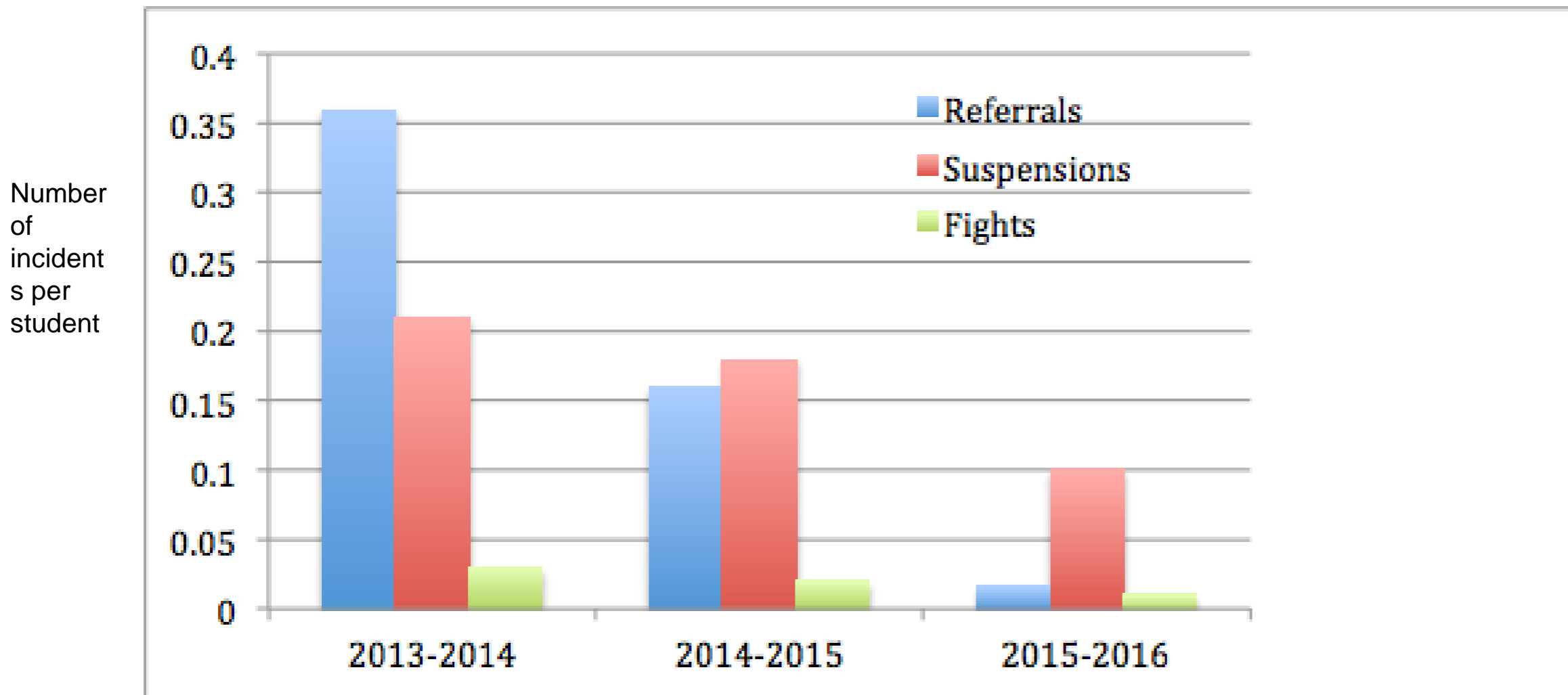
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# WHAT DOES A RESPONSIVE PARTNERSHIP LOOK LIKE AT CROSS?

- ▶ Whole School Approach
- ▶ Working with individual students: Increasing referrals
- ▶ Increased teacher support: Formal and Informal
  - ▶ Professional Development
  - ▶ Check-ins
- ▶ Integration within the system
- ▶ Mentor, group and after school supports for students
- ▶ Data collection/assessment

# WHAT WE KNOW FROM THE LAST THREE YEARS

**Wilbur Cross – International Academy (370 students) – New Haven**



“[I feel] relief. I had built everything up and had to hide it for a while. Something could set me off just like that. And now I know how to get it out. Now I’m not alone.”

Wilbur Cross Junior

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Q&A

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