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To: Board of Representatives
From: Ryan Fealey, SPS Director of Finance
Re: BOE Budget Executive Summary
Date: April 7, 2021

Attached please find a one-page Executive Summary of the Board of Education's 2021-22 Budget. Also included is a summary of position changes, and details related to our Special Education program.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 977-5011, or rfealey@stamfordct.gov.



2021-22 BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

APRIL 14, 2021

2021-22 BOE Approved Budget	\$303,651,120
Adjustments	
Healthcare BOE SPP (Object 202)	(\$1,623,276)
Healthcare City Cross-charge (Object 202)	(\$609,243)
Pension (Object 230)	(\$160,939)
OPEB (Object 231)	(\$23,259)
Insurance (GL/Property/Workers Comp) (Object 520)	\$41,106
ESSER II	(\$6,000,000)
Updated Request	\$295,275,509
Updated \$ Increase	\$9,720,306
Updated % Increase	3.40%

Object	Amount (Est.)	Contribution	Description
100s	\$4,420,556	1.55%	58.7 additional FTE, including 5.0 Content Coordinators, 23.0 Parent Facilitators, 7.0 Restorative Support Facilitators
Other	\$2,118,454	0.74%	Incl.: \$188k PD; \$280k Transportation Incl. Field Trips; \$475k Supplies, textbooks; \$300k Furniture/Equipment; \$195k Social Security; \$100k Unemployment, \$225k Custodial O/T, \$100k Printing
100s	\$2,020,166	0.71%	Wage increases due to collective bargaining agreements
202	\$1,931,884	0.68%	Estimated increase of 6.2% to CT Partnership Plan Premiums (Current FTE)
202	\$1,174,000	0.41%	Healthcare for 58.7 additional FTE
109/119	\$1,169,887	0.41%	Building subs (24@\$155/day); 2018-19 sub expenses plus pay increase from \$95 to \$105/day; increase fill rate based on HR strategies
643	\$1,074,255	0.38%	Mobile Device Management system for 1-1 tech initiative (\$138k), Data for student HotSpots (\$426k), Special Education Tech (\$200k), Music Digital Curric (\$69k), Language Arts Digital Curric (\$70k), Science/Social Studies (\$63k)
560	\$895,249	0.31%	5.4% increase to Out of District Special Education Tuition (Modeled three ways—see attached “Need Based Tuition Projection”)
326/400s	\$562,420	0.20%	Facilities (Maintenance, Repair, Construction, Utilities)
520	\$353,436	0.12%	Increase to insurance allocation from city risk
Sum	\$15,720,306	5.51%	NOTE: DOES NOT INCLUDE AS YET UNALLOCATED \$6,000,000 ESSER II OFFSET

**2021-22 BUDGET OF THE STAMFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
POSITION ADDITIONS/ SUBTRACTIONS**

Title	Operating FTE Change	Grant FTE Change	Estimated Cost Incl. Benefits	Notes
Content Coordinators	5.0		\$884,920	Areas TBD based on curriculum audit Gross \$1.15m; net effect less due to reduction in Obj 120; funds also freed in PSD grant
Parent Facillitators	23.0		\$960,000	
Custodians	2.0		\$180,000	Based on service needs
Restorative Support Facilitators	7.0		\$599,221	Due to student needs
CARES Positions	8.0	(8.0)	\$965,269	Director of Facilities, Facilities Manager, MS TISS, AITE TISS, AITE
Monitoring/Strategizing K-5	5.0		\$428,015	Due to projected enrollment/student needs
Technology Coordinator	1.0		\$196,551	District-wide technology management
Contingencies (Teachers)	2.5		\$128,405	+3 Elementary, +2 Middle School, +1 ASD, +2 SPED,-4 HS (Funds allocated to Content Coordinators), -1.5 EL (3.5 to 2)
Speech Pathologists	1.5		\$128,405	Due to projected enrollment/student needs
HR Generalist	1.0		\$118,948	Re-alignment of HR
BCBA	1.0		\$95,073	Stillmeadow and Hart; paid for by reduction of contracted services
HRIS Assistant	1.0		\$94,555	Re-alignment of HR
TOSA for Tiered Support	1.0		\$92,235	Support curriculum, instruction & assessment
Strawberry Hill 6th Grade	1.0	3.0	\$342,412	Addition of 6th Grade
Social Worker	1.0		\$85,603	Due to projected enrollment/student needs
Psychologists	0.5		\$42,802	+2 Psychologists, -1.5 Family Advocates
Special Education Teachers	4.4	(3.0)	\$565,447	1.0 CORE, 0.4 Scofield, 1.0 Strawberry Hill, 3.0 moved to operating from Medicaid grant, -0.5 Newfield, -0.5 Westover
Scofield Math	(0.2)		(\$17,121)	To be used for program
Paraeducators	(7.0)		(\$296,184)	Includes reduction in Kindergarten Paras based on # of classes; +6.0 Special Education Paras
Transitional Kindergarten Teachers		3.0	\$256,809	Post-COVID support (Alliance)
Transitional Kindergarten Paraeducators		3.0	\$126,936	Post-COVID support (Alliance)
Coordinator of Talent		1.0	\$187,445	Re-alignment of HR (Alliance)
EL/PD TOSA		1.0	\$92,235	Support curriculum, instruction & assessment (Alliance)
Humanities TOSA		1.0	\$92,235	Support curriculum, instruction & assessment (Alliance)
STEM TOSA		1.0	\$92,235	Support curriculum, instruction & assessment (Alliance)
Paraeducators		(2.0)	(\$84,036)	-1.0 Rogers, -1.0 AITE (Interdistrict Magnet)
Upward Bound Program Coordinator		(1.0)	(\$94,935)	Expiration of Grant
Distance Teaching & Learning Teachers (Alliance)		(5.5)	(\$550,000)	Due to Distance Teaching Needs
Distance/Hybrid Teachers (VoAg)		(0.2)	(\$20,000)	Due to Distance Teaching Needs
	58.7	(6.7)		

Historical Special Education Trends

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21P	5 Year Trend
Total Budget Expenditures (ED001/EF5)	\$ 275,438,635	\$ 283,194,188	\$ 291,300,494	\$ 302,248,240	\$ 303,438,183	\$ 311,980,127	\$ 313,450,594	\$ 318,376,954	
		2.8%	2.9%	3.8%	0.4%	2.8%	0.5%	1.6%	1.6%
All Other District Expenditures (ED001/EF5)	\$ 215,829,715	\$ 219,185,260	\$ 224,390,326	\$ 232,421,665	\$ 228,969,032	\$ 235,253,646	\$ 235,345,754	\$ 238,135,042	
Total Special Ed Expenditures (ED001/EF5)	\$ 59,608,920	\$ 64,008,928	\$ 66,910,168	\$ 69,826,575	\$ 74,469,151	\$ 76,726,481	\$ 78,104,840	\$ 80,241,911	
SpEd as a % of Total Budget	21.6%	22.6%	23.0%	23.1%	24.5%	24.6%	24.9%	25.2%	
SpEd YoY Change		7.4%	4.5%	4.4%	6.6%	3.0%	1.8%	2.7%	2.7%
Total District Enrollment (Oct. 1)	16,069	16,149	16,046	16,172	15,974	16,084	16,600	16,335	
District Enrollment Growth Rate YoY		0.5%	-0.6%	0.8%	-1.2%	0.7%	3.2%	-1.6%	0.3%
General Education Enrollment (Oct. 1)	14,291	14,305	14,093	14,058	13,813	13,785	14,135	13,891	
Special Education Enrollment (Oct. 1)	1,778	1,844	1,953	2,114	2,161	2,299	2,465	2,444	
SpEd Enrollment Growth Rate YoY		3.7%	5.9%	8.2%	2.2%	6.4%	7.2%	-0.9%	2.9%
Stamford Public Schools ID Rate (Pre K - 12)	11.1%	11.4%	12.2%	13.1%	13.5%	14.3%	14.8%	15.0%	
State of CT ID Rate (K - 12)	12.8%	13.3%	13.8%	14.3%	14.8%	15.4%	16.0%		
OOD Gross Tuition Cost	\$ 12,351,201	\$ 14,825,874	\$ 15,223,458	\$ 16,814,907	\$ 17,608,546	\$ 18,002,039	\$ 19,566,494	\$ 20,539,513	
OOD Tuition Cost (ED001/EF5)	12,260,569	14,735,654	15,092,740	16,624,232	17,549,598	18,002,039	19,535,867	20,539,513	
OOD Tuition Growth Rate YoY		20.0%	2.7%	10.5%	4.7%	2.2%	8.7%	5.0%	6.4%
Total OOD Placements	203	214	214	235	223	236	250	244	
OOD Growth Rate YoY		5.4%	0.0%	9.8%	-5.1%	5.8%	5.8%	-2.2%	1.4%
OOD Placement Per Pupil Cost (unweighted)	60,843	69,280	71,138	71,553	78,962	76,280	78,398	84,178	
# OOD Placements If No In District Programs	203	211	223	241	247	262	281	279	
OOD as a % of Total SpEd Enrollment	11.4%	11.6%	11.0%	11.1%	10.3%	10.3%	10.1%	10.0%	10.1%
Distict Placements	125	132	136	155	145	150	160	161	
Agency Placements	27	21	16	15	11	9	11	11	
Settlements	51	61	62	65	67	77	79	73	
<i>*This is an average based on weekly count data</i>									
Average Costs:									
Distict Placement						85,982	94,260	96,290	
Agency Placement						91,683	85,961	79,652	
Settlement						51,029	42,037	45,351	
Out of District Placement (weighted)						74,794	77,348	80,818	
Net Placements between 12/1 and End of year:									
Distict Placements					9	4	9	7	
Agency Placements					-	(1)	-	(0)	
Settlements					10	14	10	11	
Total					19	17	19	18	

Tuition Allocation:

Operating Budget	\$ 7,905,544	\$ 10,201,391	\$ 10,110,073	\$ 12,230,243	\$ 12,861,994	\$ 13,498,414	\$ 15,080,758	\$ 15,932,106	
Excess Cost Grant	\$ 4,445,657	\$ 4,350,752	\$ 4,767,064	\$ 4,285,984	\$ 4,422,563	\$ 4,328,446	\$ 4,485,736	\$ 4,607,407	
<i>Excess Cost Grant as a % of Gross Tuition</i>	36.0%	29.3%	31.3%	25.5%	25.1%	24.0%	22.9%	22.4%	
IDEA sec 611	0	273,731	346,321	201,270	323,989	175,179	0	0	
Medicaid	0	0	0	97,410	0	0	0	0	
Cost per InDistrict Sped Student	30,005	30,174	29,722	28,213	29,340	28,466	26,423	27,137	
Cost per Special Education Student	33,526	34,712	34,260	33,031	34,461	33,374	31,686	32,832	
Cost per General Education Student	15,102	15,322	15,922	16,533	16,576	17,066	16,650	17,143	
Contracted Services (Gross)	\$ 4,028,683	\$ 4,505,878	\$ 4,991,830	\$ 4,411,569	\$ 4,688,349	\$ 5,788,261	\$ 4,967,477	\$ 5,833,958	
<i>% Increase</i>		11.8%	10.8%	-11.6%	6.3%	21.4%	-14.2%	17.4%	4.6%
<i>Contracted Services Per Pupil Cost</i>	\$ 2,266	\$ 2,444	\$ 2,556	\$ 2,087	\$ 2,170	\$ 2,518	\$ 2,015	\$ 2,387	\$ 2,238
Gen Ed Student	15,102	15,322	15,922	16,533	16,576	17,066	16,650	17,143	
Special Ed In District Student	30,005	30,174	29,722	28,213	29,340	28,466	26,423	27,137	
Special Ed Out of District Student (unweighted)	60,843	69,280	71,138	71,553	78,962	76,280	78,398	84,178	
SPS per Pupil Cost (Net Current Expenditures per Pupil)	\$ 16,740	\$ 17,139	\$ 17,424	\$ 18,045	\$ 18,591	\$ 18,934	\$ 19,271	\$ 18,897	
<i>Cost Factor</i>									
Gen Ed Student	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Special Ed In District Student	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6	
Special Ed Out of District Student	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.9	

**Includes Operating Budget, Grants, and In-kind Services from the city as reported on the ED001/EFS report.

Enrollment Based Tuition Projection									
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	5 Year Trend		2020-21 Budget	2020-21 Projected	2021-22 Budget
SPS Enrollment	16,084	16,600	16,335	16,390		Tuition Costs:			
<i>SPS Growth YoY</i>	0.7%	3.2%	-1.6%	0.3%	0.3%	District Placements	16,063,043	15,406,430	16,692,274
Special Education Enrollment	2,299	2,465	2,444	2,516		Agency Placements	795,151	842,713	903,320
<i>Special Education Growth YoY</i>	6.4%	7.2%	-0.9%	2.9%	2.9%	Settlements	3,765,520	3,582,697	3,575,726
Out of District Students	236	250	244	255		Other Tuition Expenses	554,463	554,463	598,868
<i>OOD Growth Rate YoY</i>	5.8%	5.8%	-2.2%	4.4%	1.4%		21,178,177	20,386,304	21,770,188
<i>OOD as a % of Special Ed</i>	10.3%	10.1%	10.0%	10.1%	10.1%				
Placements:	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22		Average Costs:	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
District Placements	150	160	161	167		District Placement	94,260	96,290	99,660
Agency Placements	9	11	11	11		Agency Placement	85,961	79,652	82,439
Settlements	77	79	73	76		Settlement	42,037	45,351	46,938
						Out of District Placement (weighted)	77,348	80,818	83,647
						<i>2021-22 Budget grossed up 3.5% for inflation</i>			

Dollar (\$) Based Tuition Projection					
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	5 Year Trend
OOD Gross Tuition Cost	18,002,039	19,566,494	20,539,513	21,853,737	
<i>OOD Tuition Growth Rate YoY</i>	2.2%	8.7%	5.0%	6.4%	6.4%
OOD Placement Per Pupil Cost (unweighted)	76,280	78,398	84,178	85,826	
Excess Cost Grant	4,328,446	4,485,736	4,607,407	4,726,041	
<i>Excess Cost Grant as a % of Gross Tuition</i>	24.0%	22.9%	22.4%	21.6%	
IDEA sec 611	175,179	0	0	0	

Need Based Tuition Projection				
	2020-21 Count	2020-21 Cost	2021-22 Count	2021-22 Cost
District Placements	160	15,391,644	159	16,308,819
Agency Placements	10	906,049	10	870,040
Settlements	60	2,845,414	36	1,629,489
Other Tuition Expenses		554,463		677,618
Unknown District Placements post 12/1	6	337,016		
Unkown Agency Placements post 12/1	1	79,652		
Unknown Settlements post 12/1	12	544,207		
New Placement Allowance			15	1,451,853
New Settlement Allowance			30	1,337,843
	249	20,658,445	250	22,275,662

