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To: Board of Representatives
From: Ryan Fealey, CFO
Re: Budget Executive Summary
Date: March 13, 2023

Attached please find a one-page Executive Summary of the Board of Education's 2023-24 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.



2023-24 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 BUDGET EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
 MARCH 10, 2023

2023-24 Superintendent Operating Budget Request	\$313,871,939
<i>BOE Adjustments</i>	
City Healthcare/Workers Comp/Risk Cross-Charge	\$1,089,057
Other Net Reductions	(\$148,100)
2023-24 BOE Approved Operating Budget	\$314,812,896
<i>Additional Adjustments</i>	
OPEB Cross-Charge	(\$335,158)
Updated Operating Request	\$314,477,738
Updated \$ Increase	\$12,634,196
Updated % Increase	4.19%

Category	Increase	Contribution	Note
Wages and Benefits	\$5,907,464	1.96%	Decrease in FTE, wage increases per contracts, healthcare increase, significant declines in projected Pension and OPEB expense
SPED Tuition and Pupil Services	\$1,973,007	0.65%	Based on IEP requirements, increase in placement cost
Utility/Fuel Costs	\$1,692,861	0.56%	Significant increase due to market conditions (Global demand for natural gas, low US inventories, New England pipeline capacity)
Other	\$1,242,228	0.41%	Facilities, Transportation, Legal
Curriculum (Textbooks/Software/PD)	\$943,542	0.31%	Several subject areas
Insurance Cross-Charge (City Risk)	\$575,094	0.19%	Projected increase per city risk manager
Security Upgrades	\$300,000	0.10%	District-wide per department recommendation
Sum	\$12,634,196	4.19%	



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Board of Education 2023-24 Budget Summary of Proposed FTE Changes

Object	Category	Change in FTE (Operating)	Change in FTE (Grants)	Net Change in FTE	Note
101	Teachers	(9.4)	(0.7)	(10.1)	Reduce elementary teachers (14.0) based on enrollment projections; reallocate to Special Education and EL (+11.2); Add 4.0 Strawberry Hill 8th grade, 1.0 Strawberry Hill World Language, 2.6 Alternative Ed, Reduce (8.0) Content TOSAs, (2.0) TOSAs reclass to Object 102, Reduce unused contingencies (4.9)
102	Administrative Certified	0.0	5.0	5.0	Add 1.0 Strawberry Hill AP, 4.0 Asst Directors for curriculum support (2.0 new, 2.0 reclassified from 101 TOSAs)
103	Teacher Support	3.0	1.0	4.0	Add 3.0 Speech Pathologists (Operating), 1.0 School Psychologist (Grants)
112	Administration - Non Certified Discretionary	1.0	(1.0)	0.0	Add 1.0 BCBA (Board Certified Behavioral Analyst), Reduce (1.0) SPED Data Compliance Specialist
115	Paraeducators	(13.5)	(1.5)	(15.0)	Reduction of (10.0) SPED Paraeducators due to hiring challenges, (6.0) Kindergarten Paras due to enrollment, add 2.0 New Arrivals Paras, Reduction (1.0) Rogers Instructional Para
Sum		(18.9)	2.8	(16.1)	

Historical Special Education Trends

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23P	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	\$ 321,077,352	\$ 346,923,836	\$ 364,480,169	5.1%
		2.8%	2.9%	3.8%	0.4%	2.8%	0.5%	2.4%	8.0%	5.1%	5.1%
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	\$ 239,447,532	\$ 259,673,736	\$ 272,347,588	
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	\$ 81,629,820	\$ 87,250,100	\$ 92,132,581	
SpEd as a % of Total Budget	21.6%	22.6%	23.0%	23.1%	24.5%	24.6%	24.9%	25.4%	25.1%	25.3%	
SpEd YoY Change		7.4%	4.5%	4.4%	6.6%	3.0%	1.8%	4.5%	6.9%	5.6%	5.6%
Total District Enrollment (Oct. 1)	16,069	16,149	16,046	16,172	15,974	16,084	16,600	16,335	16,136	16,258	
District Enrollment Growth Rate YoY		0.5%	-0.6%	0.8%	-1.2%	0.7%	3.2%	-1.6%	-1.2%	0.8%	0.1%
General Education Enrollment (Oct. 1)	14,291	14,305	14,093	14,058	13,813	13,785	14,135	13,888	13,580	13,671	
Special Education Enrollment (Oct. 1)	1,778	1,844	1,953	2,114	2,161	2,299	2,465	2,447	2,556	2,587	
SpEd Enrollment Growth Rate YoY		3.7%	5.9%	8.2%	2.2%	6.4%	7.2%	-0.7%	4.5%	1.2%	2.8%
Stamford Public Schools ID Rate (Pre K - 12)	11.1%	11.4%	12.2%	13.1%	13.5%	14.3%	14.8%	15.0%	15.8%	15.9%	
State of CT ID Rate (Pre K - 12)	12.8%	13.3%	13.8%	14.3%	14.8%	15.4%	16.0%	16.3%			
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	\$ 19,175,011	\$ 18,701,990	\$ 22,459,830	
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	19,164,334	18,648,642	22,459,830	
OOD Tuition Growth Rate YoY		20.0%	2.7%	10.5%	4.7%	2.2%	8.7%	-2.0%	-2.5%	20.1%	8.0%
Total OOD Placements	203	214	214	235	223	236	250	239	239	245	
OOD Growth Rate YoY		5.4%	0.0%	9.8%	-5.1%	5.8%	5.8%	-4.2%	0.0%	2.5%	1.6%
OOD Placement Per Pupil Cost (unweighted)	60,843	69,280	71,138	71,553	78,962	76,280	78,398	80,230	78,251	91,673	
# OOD Placements If No In District Programs	203	211	223	241	247	262	281	279	292	295	
OOD as a % of Total SpEd Enrollment	11.4%	11.6%	11.0%	11.1%	10.3%	10.3%	10.1%	9.8%	9.4%	9.5%	9.5%
Distict Placements	125	132	136	155	145	150	160	156	165	175	
Agency Placements	27	21	16	15	11	9	11	9	9	9	
Settlements	51	61	62	65	67	77	79	74	65	61	
<i>*This is an average based on weekly count data</i>											
Average Costs:											
Distict Placement						85,982	94,260	93,763	92,778	105,438	
Agency Placement						91,683	85,961	76,710	94,927	76,278	
Settlement						51,029	42,037	48,336	41,694	42,286	
Out of District Placement (weighted)						74,794	77,348	79,056	78,920	88,643	
Net Placements between 12/1 and End of year:											
Distict Placements					9	4	9	3	3	6	
Agency Placements					-	(1)	-	-	(1)	(0)	
Settlements					10	14	10	15	12	12	
Total					19	17	19	18	14	17	
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	\$ 13,696,558	\$ 15,645,678	\$ 16,048,320	
Excess Cost Grant	\$ 4,445,657	\$ 4,350,752	\$ 4,767,064	\$ 4,285,984	\$ 4,422,563	\$ 4,328,446	\$ 4,485,736	\$ 5,478,453	\$ 4,386,312	\$ 4,930,038	
Excess Cost Grant as a % of Gross Tuition	36.0%	29.3%	31.3%	25.5%	25.1%	24.0%	22.9%	28.6%	23.5%	22.0%	23.0%
IDEA sec 611	0	273,731	346,321	201,270	323,989	175,179	0	0	0	0	
Medicaid	0	0	0	97,410	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cost per InDistrict Sped Student	30,005	30,174	29,722	28,213	29,340	28,466	26,423	28,286	29,585	29,749	
Cost per Special Education Student	33,526	34,712	34,260	33,031	34,461	33,374	31,686	33,359	34,135	35,614	

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23P	5 Year Trend
Cost per General Education Student	15,102	15,322	15,922	16,533	16,576	17,066	16,650	17,241	19,122	19,922	
Contracted Services (Gross)	\$ 4,028,683	\$ 4,505,878	\$ 4,991,830	\$ 4,411,569	\$ 4,688,349	\$ 5,788,261	\$ 4,967,477	\$ 5,247,537	\$ 5,789,491	\$ 6,074,207	
% Increase		11.8%	10.8%	-11.6%	6.3%	21.4%	-14.2%	5.6%	10.3%	4.9%	6.7%
Contracted Services Per Pupil Cost	\$ 2,266	\$ 2,444	\$ 2,556	\$ 2,087	\$ 2,170	\$ 2,518	\$ 2,015	\$ 2,144	\$ 2,265	\$ 2,348	\$ 2,301
Gen Ed Student	15,102	15,322	15,922	16,533	16,576	17,066	16,650	17,241	19,122	19,922	
Special Ed In District Student	30,005	30,174	29,722	28,213	29,340	28,466	26,423	28,286	29,585	29,749	
Special Ed Out of District Student (unweighted)	60,843	69,280	71,138	71,553	78,962	76,280	78,398	80,230	78,251	91,673	
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	19,641	20,679	
Cost Factor											
Gen Ed Student	1.0	1.0	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	1.5	1.5	
Special Ed Out of District Student	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.1	4.6	

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

Enrollment Based Tuition Projection (Dec 2022)						
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24P	5 Year Trend
SPS Enrollment	16,600	16,335	16,136	16,258	16,319	
<i>SPS Growth YoY</i>	0.7%	3.2%	-1.6%	-1.2%	0.4%	0.1%
Special Education Enrollment	2,465	2,447	2,556	2,587	2,660	
<i>Special Education Growth YoY</i>	7.2%	-0.7%	4.5%	1.2%	2.8%	2.8%
Out of District Students	250	239	239	245	253	
<i>OOD Growth Rate YoY</i>	5.8%	-4.2%	0.0%	2.5%	3.3%	1.6%
<i>OOD as a % of Special Ed</i>	10.1%	9.8%	9.4%	9.5%	9.5%	9.5%
Placements:	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24P	
District Placements	160	156	165	175	181	
Agency Placements	11	9	9	9	9	
Settlements	79	74	65	61	63	

	2022-23 Budget	2022-23 Projected	2023-24 Budget
Tuition Costs:			
District Placements	17,337,835	18,451,709	19,728,029
Agency Placements	898,465	686,501	733,987
Settlements	2,898,878	2,579,429	2,757,850
Other Tuition Expenses	742,192	596,854	503,613
	21,877,370	22,314,493	23,723,479
Average Costs:	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Distict Placement	92,778	105,438	109,129
Agency Placement	94,927	76,278	78,948
Settlement	41,694	42,286	43,766
OOD Placement (weighted)	78,920	88,643	91,746

2023-24 Budget grossed up 3.5% for inflation

Dollar (\$) Based Tuition Projection					
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	5 Year Trend
OOD Gross Tuition Cost	19,175,011	18,701,990	22,459,830	24,246,421	
<i>OOD Tuition Growth Rate YoY</i>	-2.0%	-2.5%	20.1%	8.0%	8.0%
OOD Placement Per Pupil Cost (unweighted)	80,230	78,251	91,673	95,802	
Excess Cost Grant	5,478,453	4,386,312	4,930,038	5,334,213	
<i>Excess Cost Grant as a % of Gross Tuition</i>	28.6%	23.5%	22.0%	22.0%	

Need Based Tuition Projection				
	2022-23 Count	2022-23 Cost	2023-24 Count	2023-24 Cost
Distict Placements	170	18,299,224	171	18,424,462
Agency Placements	8	633,693	8	720,149
Settlements	45	1,775,945	29	1,614,595
Other Tuition Expenses		596,854		493,544
Unknown District Placements post 12/1	6	369,034		
Unkown Agency Placements post 12/1	1	44,495		
Unknown Settlements post 12/1	14	592,000		
New Placement Allowance			16	1,715,878
New Settlement Allowance			28	1,225,440
	244	22,311,246	252	24,194,068

Contracted Services

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2022-23	2023-24	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Projected	Budget	Comments
Assistive Technology	83,706	98,091	91,949	100,360	105,595	103,404	103,700	92,000	Tiffany Mahoney
Audiology	4,690	61,740	41,500	64,970	56,935	88,200	84,000	87,360	Cristen McCaughey
BCBA/ABA	1,233,308	1,288,932	736,664	876,802	1,018,102	854,353	692,193	551,460	ABS \$102,900, Stepping Stones (EBS) \$150,880, Constellation \$147,680; ESY\$25,000; \$125,000 for Emergent Need; \$189K less than 2021-22 Budget & 134k less than 2021-22 actual
Consulting	65,029	99,800	99,600	128,850	5,184	4,550	41,220	24,000	IEP audits, Training, Frankie Jones
Educational Consulting	476,196	176,576	46,075	30,250	22,728	57,750	21,690	24,650	Various Vendors; Previous 3 year average 33k per year
IEE	189,602	184,960	75,270	76,520	122,290	134,400	121,530	134,400	40 IEE's @ \$3,200 average cost
Miscellaneous	18,332	54,524	16,020	9,790	18,087	10,000	4,850	29,975	200% increase based on technologist availability
Music/Art Therapy	26,446	88,294	67,193	112,752	111,206	163,800	163,800	163,800	Concordia University
Nursing	272,931	216,714	154,989	119,580	115,382	294,000	274,542	558,365	Aveanna (99K), Delta T (459K); 5 individual students & a CNA for TEAM classroom
OT/PT	1,343,617	1,560,433	1,623,057	1,684,476	1,985,346	2,050,209	2,106,149	2,154,959	Constellation, as per RFP, 33,535 hours @ \$64.26/hr. May need to reassess caseload to update hours requirement.
Professional Development	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Psychiatric	0	88,125	33,500	3,400	25,190	94,500	75,600	120,000	20 Psychiatric evaluations @ \$6,000 each
Psychology	99,150	41,875	11,125	3,400	74,986	21,000	40,000	40,000	Evaluation support (Nan Gordon, Learning Right)
Reading	20,060	30,013	0	21,902	0	0	3,900	0	
Sign Language	60,771	59,586	19,113	46,212	102,834	96,469	96,469	115,920	CoSign; 180 days x 7 hours per day x \$92/hr
Social Work	4,710	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Software/Program Support	142,498	117,990	98,083	121,230	0	0	0	0	
Speech & Language	509,340	807,605	452,121	284,822	358,948	230,026	230,026	230,025	Contracts for 1.0 FTE Teletherapy; Maternity coverage for 3.0 FTE @ 12 weeks each
TDP Classroom	0	684,394	1,254,038	1,513,408	1,573,644	2,141,923	2,097,473	2,189,489	7 REACH classrooms, 3 elementary, 2 middle, 2 High (EBS preliminarily awarded vendor)
Transition	89,902	92,325	38,625	0	3,231	0	0	0	
Tutoring	9,050	50,186	109,355	48,813	89,803	55,125	55,125	75,000	Various Vendors; Average 75k/yr last 4 years
	4,651,337	5,802,163	4,968,277	5,247,537	5,789,491	6,399,709	6,212,267	6,591,403	

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Contract Allocation							
Operating Budget	3,484,029	5,250,956	4,268,277	4,801,205	5,789,491	6,399,709	6,591,403
Medicaid	429,130	295,661	500,000	-	-	-	-
IDEA sec 611	209,190	255,546	200,000	-	-	-	-
Total	4,122,349	5,802,163	4,968,277	4,801,205	5,789,491	6,399,709	6,591,403

***2017-18 Operating budget total includes a credit of \$566,000 for a favorable settlement, and an accrual for \$37,012.*

***Operating Budget Total includes a credit of \$446,332 originally accrued for legal expenses related to Stamford Academy & Trailblazers*