

Fairfield Public Schools

FY2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET BOARD OF FINANCE



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Mission

The mission of the Fairfield Public Schools, in partnership with families and community, is to ensure that every student acquires the knowledge and skills needed to be a lifelong learner, responsible citizen, and successful participant in an ever-changing global society through a comprehensive educational program.



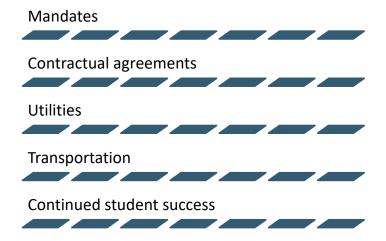
Keep students safe and in school

 Be responsive to resource needs for the building plant and operations

Respond and look forward

- Target enhancements to address Social Emotional and Instructional Needs
- Build out strategic multiyear plan aligned with resource needs
- Identify changes that will enable us to continue to achieve budget balance

Budget





2022-23 Proposed Budget

Superintendent

- 6.22%
- \$204,034,621

Board of Education

- 5.42%
- \$202,491,554

Bord of Selectman

- 4.19%
- \$199,991,554

BOE
Identified adj. totaling \$1.5 million with grant eligible items & enrollment changes



FY2010-22 AVERAGE INCREASE = 2.7% 6.00% 5.00% 4.00% 3.00% 5.42% 4.59% 2.99%3.53% 4.11% 2.00% 2.90%2.24% 3.10%2.95% 1.00% 1.56% 1.52% 0.00%

Historical Budget Trends

BUDGET EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.......\$202,491,554

		CATEGORY	2020 - 2021 BUDGET	2020 - 2021 ACTUAL	2021 - 2022 BUDGET	2021 - 2022 ESTIMATED	2022 - 2023 SUPT PROP	BUDGET INCREASE (DECREASE)	TO BUDGET %	INCREASE AS A % OF FY 2022 BUDGET
	1	STAFF SALARIES	115,900,935	115,990,452	117,853,962	116,447,228	120,726,156	\$2,872,194	2.44%	1.50%
	2	BENEFITS	31,172,847	30,825,334	33,157,777	32,411,253	34,471,975	\$1,314,198	3.96%	0.68%
	3	INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	5,610,907	6,930,165	5,813,412	6,923,634	7,145,750	\$1,332,338	22.92%	0.69%
	4	CONTRACTED SERVICES	2,990,019	3,410,452	3,005,821	2,969,009	3,316,958	\$311,137	10.35%	0.16%
	5	TRANSPORTATION	8,420,069	6,816,577	9,702,191	9,339,966	10,357,827	\$655,636	6.76%	0.34%
	6	TUITION	5,608,957	7,196,505	5,927,208	7,962,484	8,575,426	\$2,648,218	44.68%	1.38%
	7	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	1,457,788	865,466	1,370,146	1,313,034	1,404,249	\$34,103	2.49%	0.02%
	8	SUPPLIES/TEXTS/MATERIALS	2,383,668	2,276,021	2,562,825	2,531,770	2,491,124	-\$71,702	-2.80%	-0.04%
	9	OPERATIONS & MAINT OF BLDGS	9,819,077	8,957,624	11,071,104	10,956,421	11,850,824	\$779,720	7.04%	0.41%
	10	CAPITAL	1,059,694	1,045,678	1,542,868	1,152,640	2,071,338	\$528,470	34.25%	0.28%
	11	DUES AND FEES	76,607	69,980	76,906	76,781	79,928	\$3,022	3.93%	0.00%
G	RAND T	OTALS	\$184,500,568	\$184,384,254	\$192,084,220	\$192,084,220	\$202,491,554	\$10,407,334	5.42%	5.42%

Board of Education Proposed Budget

Major Budget Drivers:

A majority of the budget is dedicated to staff salaries, benefits, and other operations-driven items, 2.72%, with \$2.6 million of this cost is contractual obligations for current staffing.

An additional 2.26% is the result of keeping pace with the costs of special education services. This reflects the pupil personnel investments that are a subset of the instructional services budget category (it is broken out here).

0.25% is related to a need to replace key IT equipment.

The balance, or 0.19%, is relatively flat to accommodate the needs identified in the budget.

Aligned to the Object Code structure

Major Budget Drivers - By Object Code

	Expense	Budget - +/-\$	Budget - as % of Total
1	Staff Salaries	\$ 2,872,194	1.50%
2	Benefits	\$ 1,314,198	0.68%
9	Operations & Maintenance of Buildings	\$ 422,357	0.22%
3	Utility	\$ 357,363	0.19%
5	Transportation	\$ 250,533	0.13%
	Budget Drivers - General		2.72%
3	Pupil Personnel Services	\$ 1,291,711	0.67%
5	Special Education Transportation	\$ 405,103	0.21%
6	Special Education Tuition	\$ 2,648,218	1.38%
	Budget Drivers - SPED/PPS		2.26%
10	IT equipment replacement	\$ 481,700	0.25%
	Materials Replacement		0.25%
3	Instructional Services	\$ 40,627	0.02%
4	Contracted Services	\$ 37,694	0.02%
-	Security Srvcs/Exp	\$ 273,443	0.14%
7	Other Purchased Services	\$ 34,103	0.02%
8	Supplies/Texts/Materials	\$ (71,702)	-0.04%
10	Capital	\$ 46,770	0.02%
11	Dues and Fees	\$ 3,022	0.00%
	Other Changes		0.19%
	<u>Total</u>	\$ 10,407,334	<u>5.42</u> %

Major Budget Drivers:

"New staff" targeted enhancements are offset by projected enrollment changes.

Utilities, maintenance and operations impacted by supply chain at a time when maintenance contracts are being renewed at high rates and the cost of materials has risen.

Special education and related services – more students being served at higher needs (2.26%).

Technology equipment replacement – investment had been delayed for many years. The replacement is being offset by various adjustments in the tech budget.

An agreement with the town to take on intramural insurance, crossing guard and parking lot salting responsibilities.

Aligned to Category

Major Budget Drivers - By Category

Expense	Budget - +/- \$		Budget - as % of Total	
Expense				
Carry Forward Staff	\$	2,622,884		
New staff	\$	977,744	1.50%	
Enrollment adjustments	\$	(728,434)		
Benefits	\$	1,314,198	0.68%	
Maint of Plan/Operations	\$	378,878	0.20%	
Transportation	\$	250,533	0.13%	
Special Education	\$	4,345,032	2.26%	
Technology replacement	\$	1,673,459	0.48%	
Adjustments (incl tech)	\$	(747,801)	0.4676	
Town transfers	\$	320,842	0.17%	
TOTAL	\$	10,407,334	5.42%	

<u>Carry Forward Staff</u>: Includes contractual obligations for current staff, a reserve for unsettled contracts, projected attrition & retirement savings. <u>New Staff</u>: Includes staffing priorities: for the Early Literacy Academy, implementation of the Middle School Block schedule, a world language teacher, .3 of the DEI position, and a Cyber Security Analyst.

<u>Enrollment adjustments</u>: Based on the demographer study, a reduction of one team, 4.0 teachers at the middle school, and 3.0 at the K-5 level.

<u>Maintenance of Plant</u>: Operations and Maintenance, incl. utilities, offset by the town transfers as identified below.

Special Education: Departmental total, includes transportation.

<u>Technology Replacement & Adjustments</u>: Offsets utilized to afford the purchase of outdated technology equipment.

<u>Town Transfers</u>: Items formerly purchased directly by the Town, including Intramural Insurance, Crossing Guard, and salting services.

Salaries, Benefits and Operations

Budget Changes

\$2.6 million of the total staffing change is associated with contractual obligations.

Benefits are conservatively estimated based on historical trends & current enrollment and are contractually obligated.

The operations and maintenance budget includes town transfers of \$67k for salting of grounds and an increased investment in major maintenance projects and increases for maintenance based on the contractual life cycle and renewals for required building maintenance.

Almost 86% of the increase in utilities is due to anticipated heating and commercial gas fuel rates.

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	Budget Drivers - General	\$ 5,216,645	<u>2.72%</u>

Budget to Budget Staffing

Staffing:

Enrollment changes - Added 7.3 Current Year positions (as a result of the October 1 enrollment and needs)

Offset by -1.8 Positions (as a result of the Board of Education's proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget changes and demographer projections)

= Net increase of 5.5 FTEs (budget to budget)

Maintain class sizes

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<u>District</u>											a.
Family & Cmty Liaison									-	-	-
DEI Admin								0.30	-	0.30	0.30
PT Music Coordinator								0.20	-	0.20	0.20
Psych/Soc Worker/Counselor											
Social Worker	(1.20)		1.00		2.00				1.80	-	1.80
Psych/CnsIr					1.00				1.00	-	1.00
Special Education											
SPED		4 =0	(0.50)		(1.00)		1.40		(0.10)	-	(0.10)
Early Literacy Academy	0.30	1.70							0.30	1.70	2.00
Sp/Lang	0.30		(0.70)						(0.40)	-	(0.40)
Classroom											
Kindergarten Classroom	4.00	(4.00)							4.00	(4.00)	-
Grades 1-5 Classroom	(2.00)	1.00		-					(2.00)	1.00	(1.00)
MS Enrollment				(4.00)					-	(4.00)	(4.00)
Reading (MS Block)				2.00					-	2.00	2.00
Math (MS Bock)			(0.20)	2.00	0.20				-	2.00	2.00
ELL Teachers	(0.20)	-							(0.20)	-	(0.20)
<u>Specials</u>											
W. Language	(0.10)	0.10		0.40	(0.20)	1.00			(0.30)	1.50	1.20
Music	0.20	(0.30)	, ,						0.10	(0.30)	(0.20)
Art		(0.10)							0.20	(0.10)	0.10
Phys Ed	0.50	(0.30)		0.20					0.50	(0.10)	0.40
Health			0.40		(0.20)				0.20	-	0.20
WFC-STEM						0.20			-	0.20	0.20
FCS Total Certified Staffing change	1.80	(1.90)	0.10	0.60	0.4 2.20	1.20	1.40	0.50	0.40	- 0.40	0.40 5.90
Total Certified Staffing change	1.80	(1.90)			Staffing Ch		1.40	0.50	5.50	0.40	5.90
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arly Literacy Aca Para's	2.2	4.00							2.20	4.00	, ,
ped Para's		(4.00)							1 [(4.00	
Custodian/Head custodian	0.5	(4.00)			0.5		(1.00)			(4.00	(4.00)
IVAC	0.5				0.5		(1.00)		_	_	_
E Trainer		(1.00)				1.00			_	_	_
Cyber Security		(2.00)				2.30		1.00	_	1.00	1.00
ransition Specialist							(0.70)		(0.70)		(0.70)
ICBA							(0.70)		(0.70)		(0.70)
eacher Resident							1.00		1.00	·	1.00
otal Non-Certified Staffing ch	2.70	(4.20)	-	-	0.50	1.00	(1.40)	1.00		(2.20	_

0.10

0.60

^Does not reflect the 3.0 paraeducators that need to transfer from SPED to CLC. Unclear about how to distribute the 2.2 paraeducators in elementary

2.70

2.20

Certified Staffing Changes

High School

Current

Yr/Enroll Budget Yr/Enroll Budget Yr/Enroll Budget Yr/Enroll Budget Yr/Enroll

Districtwide

BOE

Budget

Budget to Budget

Middle

Current

Elementary

Pupil Personnel Services

Budget Changes:

The largest increase to the budget is the funding of special education services, transportation and tuition to keep pace with the needs of our students and the lack of state and federal funding.

The transportation cost reflects the addition of two buses to meet needs for home to school time as well as service an additional school.

Major Budget Drivers - By Object Code

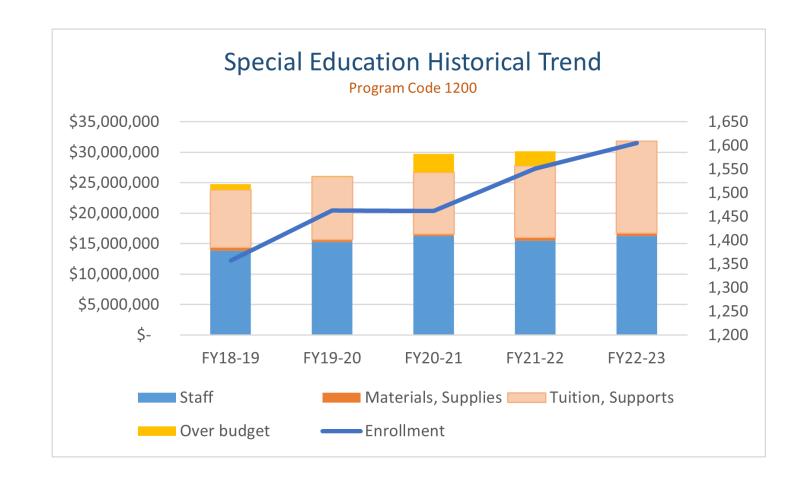
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Maintain Services

FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS
FPS TRANSFERRED FUNDS TO
COVER THE SPECIAL
EDUCATION SHORTFALL

ENROLLMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES HAS GROWN

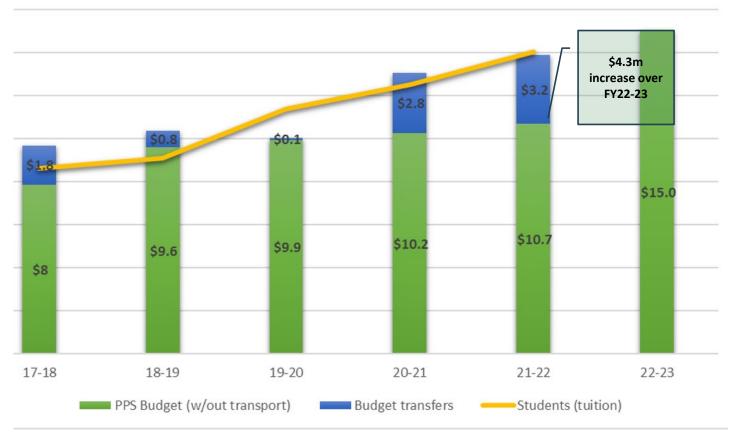
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BUDGET CORRECTLY FUNDS
THE COST OF SPECIAL
EDUCATION



A closer look

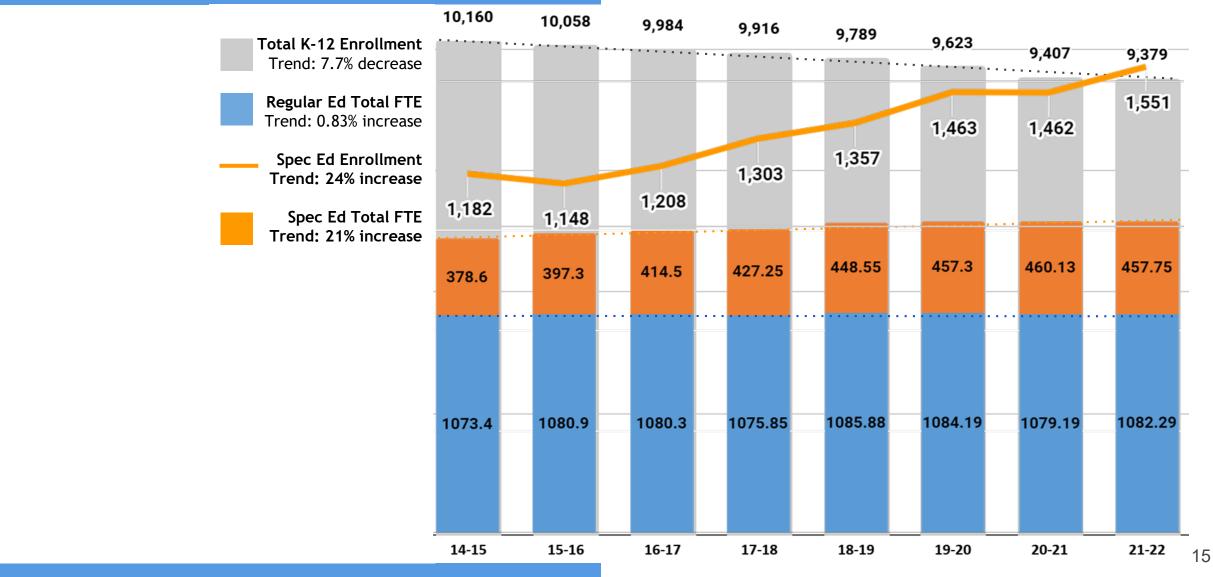
THE \$4.3 MILLION INCREASE IN THE BUDGET FOR PUPIL PERSONNEL IS DUE TO THE FUNDING NOT KEEPING PACE WITH THE NEED OVER TIME

Pupil Personnel Services Spending FY17-18 to FY22-23 (Proj.) (in millions)



Enrollment & Staffing Trends

2014-2022



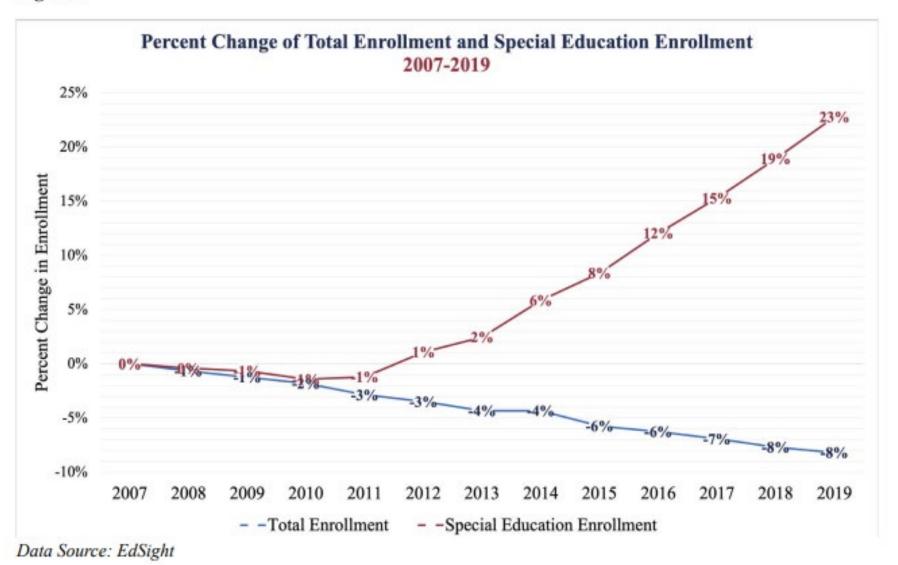
Statewide:

The enrollment trend in the last decade is like Fairfield Public Schools

Overall statewide - 8% decline in total enrollment and 23% increase in Special Education Enrollment.

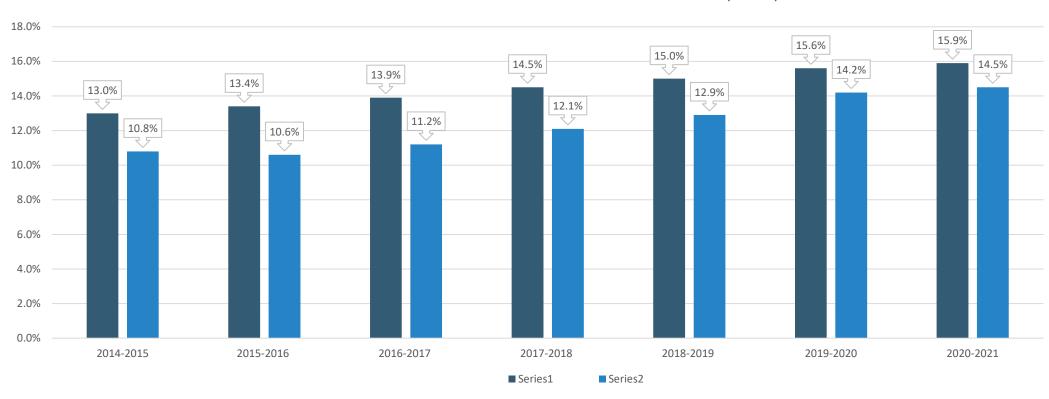
At the same time State funding is capped for special education reimbursement.

Figure 1



Special Education Prevalence

SPECIAL EDUCATION PREVALENCE RATES - 7 YEAR COMPARISON (K - 12)



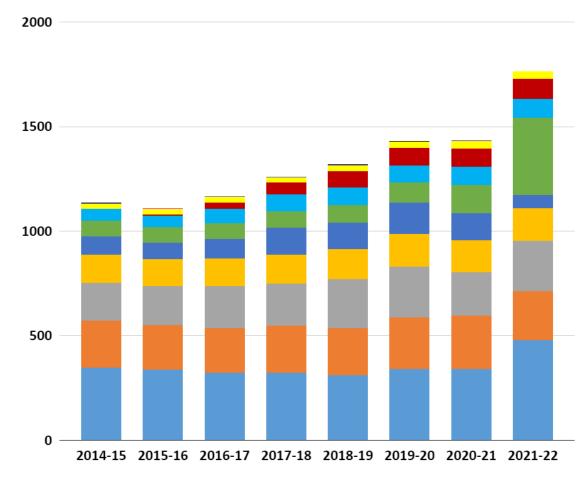
Disability by Category

- Students with significant and high cost needs; require intensive/specialized programs
- Continue to build internal programming capacity
- Student increases since 2010-11
 - o Emotional Disturbance 44 → 89
 - Dyslexia $6 \rightarrow 97$
 - \circ Other Health Impairment 101 \rightarrow 370
 - o ADD/ADHD 124 → 240
 - Speech/Language Impairment 203 →
 236
 - o Autism 135 → 156
 - Multiple Disabilities 25 → 37



- Visual Impairment*
- Orthopedic Impairment*
- Traumatic Brain Injury*
- Multiple Disabilities
- Dyslexia**
- Emotional Disturbance
- Other Health Impairment (OHI)
- Developmental Delay (3-5)
- Autism
- ADD/ADHD
- Speech/Language Impairment
- Learning Disabilities





	Early Literacy Academy Costs	Outplaced Average Tuition Cost (10 months)
Staffing Cost (1 special Ed teacher & 2 literacy paras)	\$199,281	
Transportation Cost	\$0	\$254.80 per day X 180 days = \$45,864
Tuition Cost per Student (7 students)	\$26,269	\$62,925 x 7 = \$440,475
Total Annual Cost for 7 Students	\$182,088	\$486,339
Class Size	7 maximum	4-6 average

Early Literacy Academy

Instructional Materials and IT Equipment Replacement

Budget Changes:

IT equipment replacement increases by \$481,700 for critical investments that had been delayed for server replacements, faculty equipment replacement and student Chromebook lifecycle.

The overall investment for capital technology is \$1.6 million, the baseline is reduced to afford this investment. (this is net of the sped instructional budget, incl. with the pupil services)

	Major Budget Drivers - By Object Code				
	Expense		Budget - +/- \$	Budget - as % of Total	
10	IT equipment replacement Materials Replacement	\$	481,700	0.25% <u>0.25%</u>	

Other Changes

Budget Changes:

Remainder of the budget remains relatively flat with the exception:

Increase Security Services reflects the transfer of \$193k for the crossing guard program and other investments as a result of a security audit that necessitated investments in building access points.

The capital budget is shown net of the IT equipment replacement identified in the previous slide. The slight increase here reflects an increased commitment to the athletic waterfall and the initiation of a kiln replacement plan.

	Major Budget Drivers - By Object Code				
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3	Instructional Services	\$	40,627	0.02%	
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4	Security Srvcs/Exp	\$	273,443	0.14%	
7	Other Purchased Services	\$	34,103	0.02%	
8	Supplies/Texts/Materials	\$	(71,701)	-0.04%	
10	Capital Capital	\$	46,770	0.02%	
11	Dues and Fees	\$	3,022	0.00%	
	Other Changes	\$	363,958	0.19%	

Goal 1: Academic	Goal 2: Social/Emotional	Goal 3: Equity & Inclusion	Goal 4: Communication			
Impleme	nt Middle School Block Schedu	le (core academics)				
World Language						
Teacher (core						
academics)						
Ear	Early Literacy Academy Expansion (academic intervention, supports; cost avoidance)					
Fund Special Education (mandated services)						
	DEI Administrator (equity and inclusion)					

Proposed Initiatives Mapped to District Improvement Plan Goals

Early Literacy Academy – utilized currently budgeted paraeducators and a grant

Middle School Block Schedule and World Language Teacher – utilized current staffing levels and includes an assumption about enrollment reduction

Overall, the budget calls for a decrease of -1.3 FTE and affords the investments in the DEI administrator, the Cyber Security Analyst, and the Early Literacy Academy Expansion.

Budget enhancements

Budget enhancements

Technology Equipment Replacement	\$1,640,838 for capital Technology Fund critical replacements for faculty and student laptops and Chromebooks, as well as update servers that were delayed
Cyber Security	\$136,362 for 1.0 FTE for Analyst and Security Reporting Tools Respond to changing environment and audit requirements
World Language	\$106,510 for 1.0 Teacher Fulfill requests for mandated courses
Planning and Leadership	\$43,951 Stipend Facilitate SRBI planning at middle school, enhance World Language Coordination, and coordination districtwide for SLP
Facility Maintenance & Safety	\$338,716 for Major maintenance improvements including High School Scoreboard, Gym court floor replacement and student bathroom repairs

Budget enhancements

Middle School Block	\$80,623 for 0.6 FTE for World Lang/PE/Music
Schedule	Extend instructional periods
Middle School Resources	\$402,604 for 2.0 Math Resource Teachers, 2.0 Language Arts Specialists
Resources	Address proficiency gaps
Student Equity	\$56,698 for 0.3 FTE
Supports	Prioritize equity and avoid a cliff, transfer the position over three years
Early Literacy Academy	\$182,088 Expansion and enhanced PD, 1.7 BOE Teachers and 4.0 Paraeducators
	Strengthen in-district instructional capacity at K-5
Curriculum Materials Efficiencies	\$20,000, part time resource manager to establish process & structure to incorporate into current purchasing and school level resource allocation

Going forward

As educators, we recognize the need for change. The administrators and staff are eager to be part of this dialogue, problem solving and solution development.

We must strive to address instructional and operational concerns in a systemic and comprehensive manner that ensures our ability to fulfill the Mission of the Fairfield Public Schools.

We must develop the fortitude to approach old problems in new ways and always keep students' best interests at the heart of our decisions.

							2022-2023 BOE Proposed Budget Program code 1200 - Special Education							
			Α		В		С		D		E		F	
					<u>Actuals</u>			<u>Proj.</u>		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Proposed</u>		
			FY18-19		FY19-20		FY20-21		FY21-22		FY21-22		FY22-23	
-				(COVID YR1)										
	PROGRAM CODE 1200 - SPECIAL													
1	Teacher (Special Education)		8,910,104	\$	9,506,802	\$	10,598,615	\$	9,832,794	\$		\$		
2	BCBA/Transition Spec.	\$	297,024	\$	304,576	\$	291,624	\$	194,849	\$	310,666	\$	185,109	
3	Evaluation	٠.	-	\$	350,472	\$	355,097	\$	357,602	\$	•	\$	385,522	
4		1	718,180	\$	896,287	\$	915,761	\$	949,679	\$		\$	961,190	
5	Clerical	\$	237,748	\$	246,256	\$	242,865	\$	242,421	\$	242,421	\$	242,421	
6	Aide	\$	2,467,951	\$	2,842,799	\$	2,713,349	\$	2,825,396	\$	2,919,864	\$	2,831,235	
7	Trainer	\$	1,195,875	\$	1,127,053	\$	1,148,914	\$	1,107,054	\$	1,148,043	\$	1,142,026	
8	SUBTOTAL - SPED Staff	<u>\$</u>	13,826,882	\$	15,274,245	<u>\$</u>	16,266,226	\$	15,509,795	\$	16,327,046	\$	16,234,212	
9	Homebound	\$	159,601	\$	145,525	\$	169,078	\$	153,592	\$	116,000	\$	126,000	
10	Extracurricular	\$	395,575	\$	236,352	\$	118,864	\$	338,158	\$	354,424	\$	363,555	
11	Subtotal Materials, Supplies	\$	555,176	\$	381,877	\$	287,942	\$	491,750	\$	470,424	\$	489,555	
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12	Tuition	1	5,104,443	\$	4,859,355	\$	6,894,857	\$	7,667,275	\$	5,580,958	\$	8,228,304	
13	Transportation		228,458	\$	268,369	\$	21,043	\$	205,253	\$	308,167	\$	350,086	
14	Support Services		4,653,934	\$	4,840,255	\$	5,807,593	\$	5,772,717	\$	4,698,828	\$	5,993,539	
15	Interns/Summer School	Ş	413,736	\$	438,722	\$	448,342	\$	519,511	\$	390,000	\$	525,000	
16	Subtotal Support, Tuition, etc.	\$	10,400,571	\$	10,406,701	<u>\$</u>	13,171,836	\$	14,164,756	\$	10,977,953	\$	15,096,929	
17	TOTAL Program Code 1200	<u>\$</u>	24,782,629	<u>\$</u>	26,062,823	<u>\$</u>	29,726,004	<u>\$</u>	30,166,301	<u>\$</u>	27,775,423	<u>\$</u>	31,820,696	

Appendix: Special Education Program 1200