

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**BOE/CO
Friday Packet
January 21, 2022**

Upcoming Meeting Dates
1-21-2022 Updated Special Education Information



Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates **2022**

January 25	7:30 PM	Special Meeting/Budget CO Board Room and Virtual 501 Kings Hwy East
January 27 <i>Thursday</i>	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting/Budget Vote CO Board Room and Virtual 501 Kings Hwy East
February 1	5:00 PM	Policy Committee Meeting Superintendent Conference Room 501 Kings Hwy East
February 2	3:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting Superintendent Conference Room 501 Kings Hwy East
February 15	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting CO Board Room and Virtual 501 Kings Hwy East



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To: Board of Education Members

From: Robert Mancusi, Executive Director of Special Education and Special Programs

Re: Updated Special Education Information

Date: January 21, 2022

Attached is updated special education information requested by Mrs. Vitale following the January 18, 2022, meeting of the Board of Education. The information includes the following:

- A twelve-year comparison of special education enrollment by disability for students with disabilities pre-K– 21 against total enrollment
- Special education prevalence rates over a seven-year period (Fairfield Public Schools and State of Connecticut)
- A ten-year comparison of PPT outplaced students with disabilities versus total special education enrollment pre-k-21 (22) years of age
- Updated information regarding tuition costs for students with disabilities outplaced through the PPT process along with tuition costs for students with disabilities placed unilaterally by parents. Cases involving unilaterally placed students generally proceed through the state Mediation process involving attorneys and a CSDE appointed mediator.
- A five-year comparison of legal fees. Special education legal fees began transitioning to Shipman and Goodwin during the 2017-18 school year. This is also the school year in which FPS hired Ms. Colleen Deasy as its Executive Director of Personnel and Legal Services.

I will be happy to answer any additional questions regarding the information enclosed.

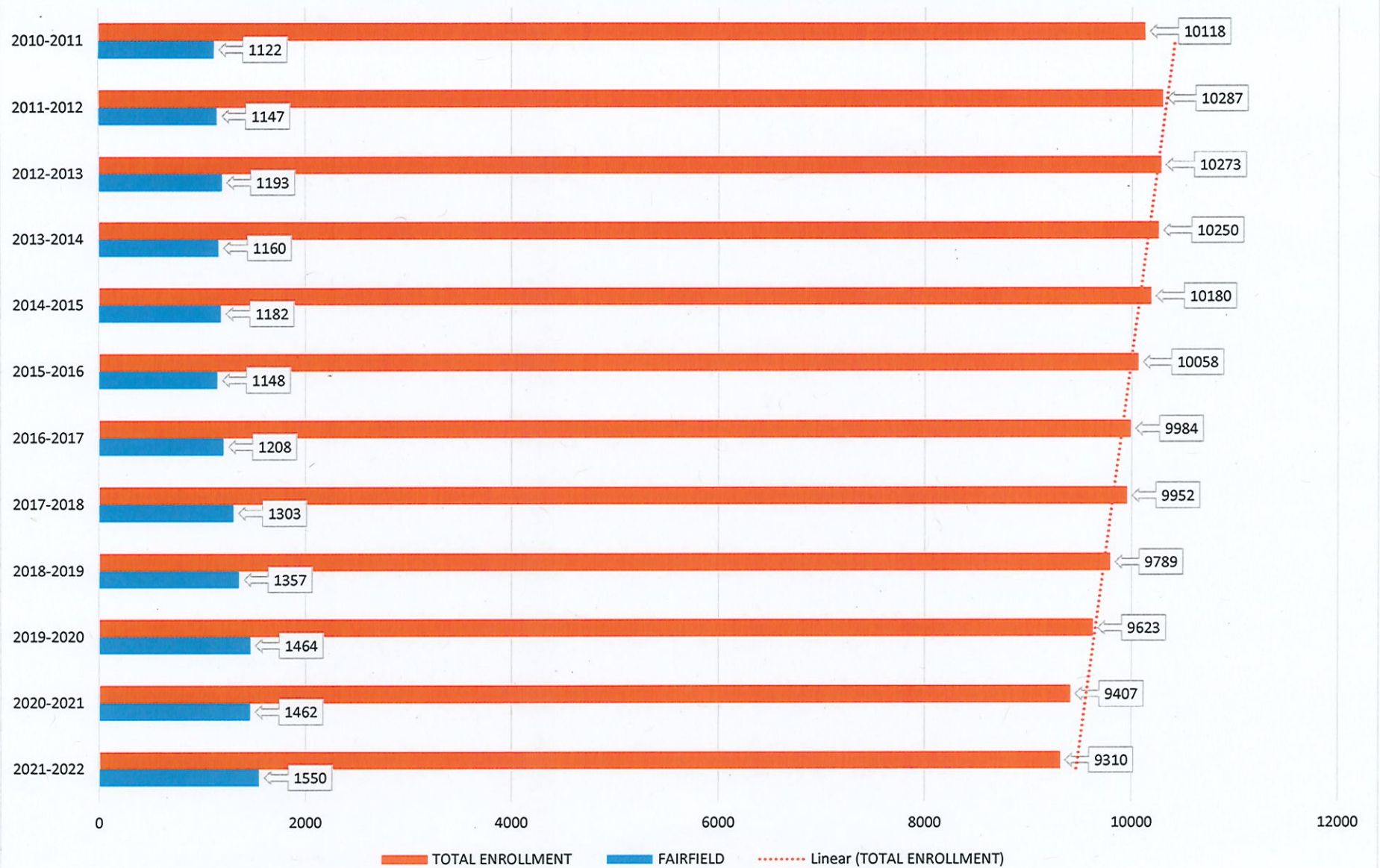
FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL EDUCATION (PreK - 21) (22**)
12 YEAR COMPARISON OF DISABILITIES

DISABILITY	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY	23	23	26	31	33	32	31	35	28	28	28	29
HEARING IMPAIRMENT	5	6	7	7	10	8	8	11	13	11	8	8
SPEECH/LANGUAGE IMPAIRMENT	247	257	245	227	226	212	213	226	221	223	206	203
VISUAL IMPAIRMENT	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE	88	89	82	85	81	69	55	58	44	45	42	44
ORTHROPEDIC IMPAIRMENT	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
OTHER HEALTH IMPAIRMENT	130	134	95	82	79	76	74	75	78	84	90	101
OHI - ADD/ADHD	240	207	244	235	200	201	186	179	172	171	152	124
LEARNING DISABILITIES	381	340	341	309	323	324	338	346	349	359	357	360
**LD - DYSLEXIA	97	87	83	77	55	28	6	0	0	0	0	0
DEAF-BLINDNESS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MULTIPLE DISABILITIES	37	35	31	29	25	28	26	24	26	24	28	25
AUTISM	162	151	155	143	137	133	128	137	144	159	145	135
TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY	0	0	0	2	2	3	2	3	2	1	0	0
DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY (3-5)	140	131	152	128	131	93	80	86	81	87	89	90
	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011
TOTAL SPECIAL ED STUDENTS	1550	1462	1463	1357	1303	1208	1148	1182	1160	1193	1147	1122
TOTAL ENROLLMENT IN FPS	9310	9407	9623	9789	9952	9984	10058	10180	10250	10273	10287	10118

**AGE 22 STARTED 2020

**LD-DYSLEXIA STARTED 2015

NUMBER OF IDENTIFIED STUDENTS AND TOTAL ENROLLED STUDENTS (PreK - 12) 12 YEAR COMPARISON



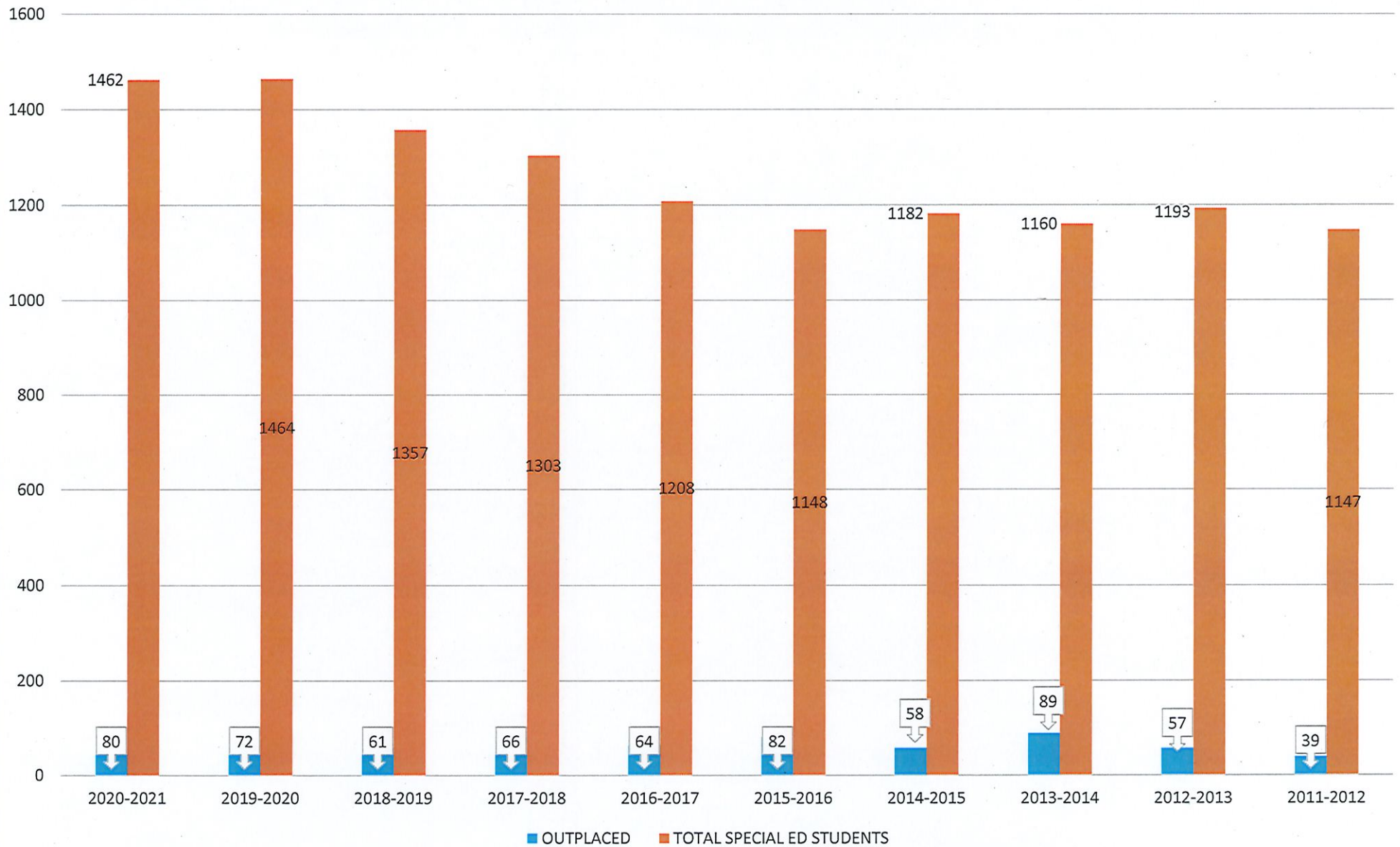
FAIRFIELD PREVALENCE DATA

YEAR	STATE OF CONNECTICUT	FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2014-2015	13.0%	10.8%
2015-2016	13.4%	10.6%
2016-2017	13.9%	11.2%
2017-2018	14.5%	12.1%
2018-2019	15.0%	12.9%
2019-2020	15.6%	14.2%
2020-2021	15.9%	14.5%

**COMPARISON of OUTPLACED STUDENTS to TOTAL STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION
PRE-K thru 21(22) (as of OCTOBER 1)**

	OUTPLACED	TOTAL SPECIAL ED STUDENTS
2020-2021	80	1462
2019-2020	72	1464
2018-2019	61	1357
2017-2018	66	1303
2016-2017	64	1208
2015-2016	82	1148
2014-2015	58	1182
2013-2014	89	1160
2012-2013	57	1193
2011-2012	39	1147

COMPARISON of OUTPLACED STUDENTS to TOTAL STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION PRE-K thru 21(22)



Current Tuition Breakdown by School

January 21, 2022

School	Average Cost	Range	Residential
ACES	\$72,735.00	\$47,571 to \$169,741	
Adelbrook	\$140,022.00	\$93,993 to \$185,010	
American School for the Deaf (ASD)	\$66,544.00	\$66,544	
Benhaven	\$236,674.00	\$146,367 to \$327,021	
Boys & Girls Village	\$82,742.00	\$64,010 to \$101,475	
Cedarhurst	\$60,032.00	\$45,234 to \$72,159	
CES (Cooperative Education Services)	\$55,068.00	\$68,876 to \$82,774	
Eagle Hill	\$71,150.00	\$71,150	
F.L. Chamberlain	\$136,430.00	\$140,816 to \$188,270	
Deveraux/Glenholm	\$65,066.00	\$65,066	YES
Grove	\$120,422.00	\$102,360 to \$149,760	YES
Hope Academy	\$58,258.00	\$93,657 to \$109,079	
Meliora	\$196,017.00	\$182,280 to \$216,645	YES
Marrakech	\$270,000.00	\$270,000	YES
Milestones	\$129,545.00	\$140,000 to \$167,000	
Pinnacle	\$101,991.00	\$96,200 to \$103,150	
River Run	\$7,261.00	\$7,261	
Speech Academy	\$79,380.00	\$96,000 to \$98,000	
SPIRE	\$81,430.00	\$77,500 to \$83,500	
St. Catherine	\$96,700.00	\$96,700	
St. Vincent	\$129,840.00	\$110,400 to \$149,280	
Transitions CT	\$31,060.00	\$31,600	
Villa Maria	\$69,825.00	\$68,400 to \$70,300	
Wellspring	\$188,473.00	\$187,014 to \$189,933	YES
Westport Day	\$83,333.00	\$78,000 to \$86,000	
Woodhouse	\$81,705.00	\$81,705	

*Cost of tuition does not include the cost of transportation.

**FPS Currently has 13 students residentially placed.

***31 Tuitions over \$100,000

Unilateral Placements/Settlement Agreements

January 21, 2022

School	Average Cost
ASPIRE	\$125,650.00
Eagle Hill	\$30,000.00
Easton Country Day	\$64,647.00
Fairfield Country Day	\$20,500.00
Forman	\$50,000.00
Fusion Academy	\$65,637.00
Green Chimneys	\$87,215.00
Grove	\$22,800.00
Hopkins	\$42,480.00
Ironwood	\$128,400.00
Pinnacle	\$65,000.00
Shortridge	\$132,000.00
Solebury	\$40,340.00
Southport	\$40,291.00
Speech Academy	\$50,000.00
SPIRE	\$53,138.00
St. Joseph	\$16,700.00
Westport Day	\$78,000.00
Unquowa	\$70,000.00
Villa Maria	\$59,960.00
Winston Prep	\$44,340.00

Legal Fees - 5 Year Comparison					
Legal Firm Name	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Berchem, Moses & Devlin	\$625,417.13	\$127,665.50	\$37,406.69	\$4,342.46	\$210.00
Shipman & Goodwin		\$87,933.50	\$180,826.00	\$271,998.00	\$311,187.50
Feinstein Education Law			\$131,062.50		
Total Legal Fees	\$625,417.13	\$215,599.00	\$349,295.19	\$276,340.46	\$311,397.50