



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Bloomfield Board of Education 1133 Blue Hills Avenue Board Room, 1133 Blue Hills Avenue ,
Bloomfield, CT 06002

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order
L. Easmon
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L. Easmon



Board of Education - Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002

ATTENDANCE: L. Easmon, Chair Present
J. Wilkerson Present
T. Moore Present

ALSO PRESENT: J. Thompson W. Guzman D. Nesmith
J. Titelbaum L. Lamenzo A.M. Cullinan
W. Shepard-Bannish D. Harris R. Ike
F. Bogle-Assegai

1. CALL TO ORDER

L. Easmon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes – Finance Committee – April 25, 2023

A motion was made by J. Wilkerson and seconded by T. Moore for the Finance Committee to approve the meeting minutes from April 25, 2023, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously (3-0-0).

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Haven Transportation Bus Contract Proposal July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026

Mr. Jason Titelbaum, District Data Systems and Transportation Coordinator gave an updated to the Board of Education Finance Committee on the bid responses for special education bus transportation for 2023-2024. The current transportation contract expires on June 30, 2023 and Access Transportation was not prepared to negotiate an extension of their contract or submit a bid. A total of four responses were received from the requests for proposals (RFP) process. All of the bids were rejected based on not meeting all criteria or high rate increases.

The district reached out to their current Special Education, out-of-district transportation provider, Haven Transportation. They decided to offer a contract to the district for in-district transportation with the following terms, a 3 year contract with a 0% rate increase year 1, and 2.5% increase for year 2 and year 3.

Wendy Shepard-Bannish, Director of Student Support Services stated Haven Transportation has been very reliable with student transportation and having one vendor would be more efficient for the district.



J. Wilkerson inquired if there is a specified amount for cost sharing. W. Bannish noted that districts do cost share.

L. Easmon noted there is no statement in the contract about paying regardless if state closes schools or moves to remote learning. J. Titelbaum confirmed the statement was not included in the contract.

A motion was made by J. Wilkerson and seconded by T. Moore for the Finance Committee to recommend to the Board of Education for approval, the Haven Transportation Bus Contract for the period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026.

The motion was passed unanimously (3-0-0).

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:16 p.m., a motion was made by J. Wilkerson and seconded by T. Moore to adjourn.

The motion was passed unanimously (3-0-0).

L. Easmon, Committee Chair

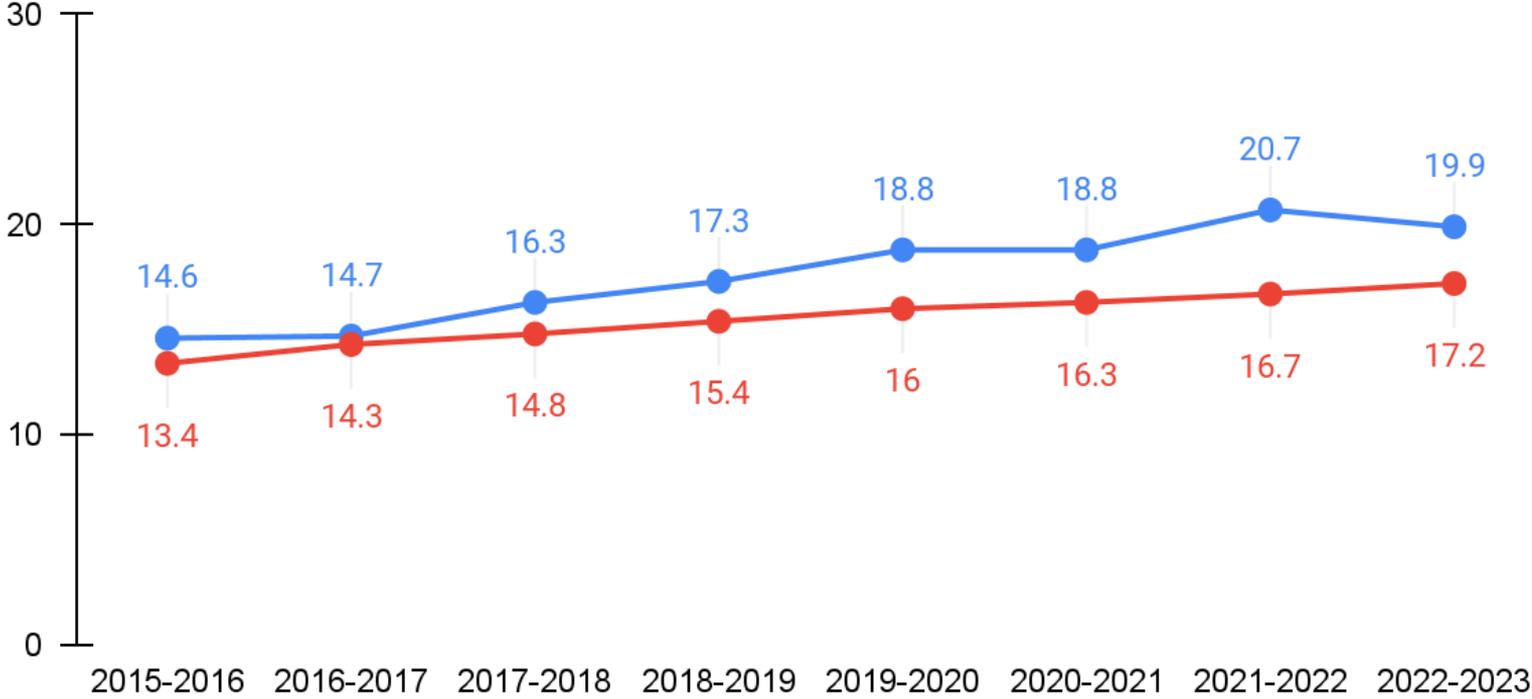


Support Services Update Finance Committee Meeting

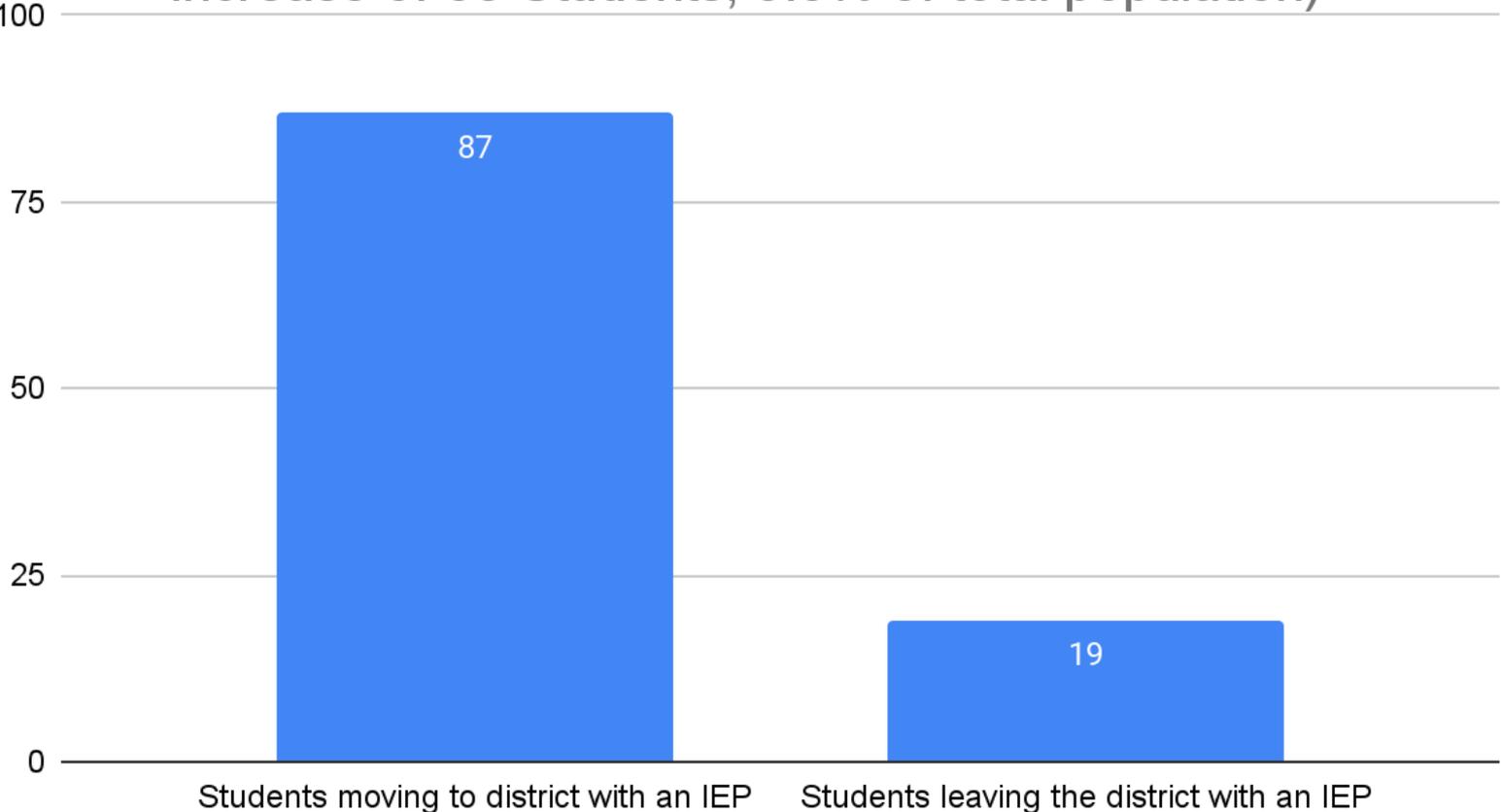


Special Education Students- Historical

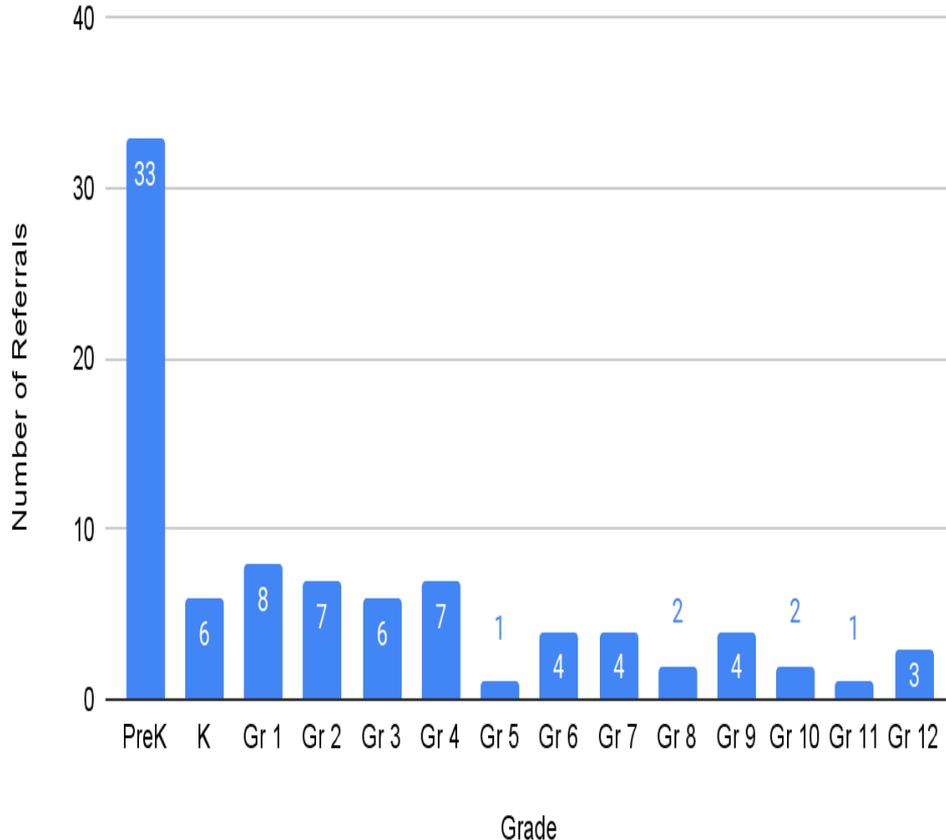
● Bloomfield Percentage ● State average



Students Moving In/Out of District with IEPs SY 22-23 (Overall Increase of 68 Students, 3.3% of total population)



Number of Referrals by Grade SY 22-23



Significant increase in children with complex needs

Requiring increase in related services (OT, PT, SL, Nursing, SW, PSY, TVI, THI, TRANS)

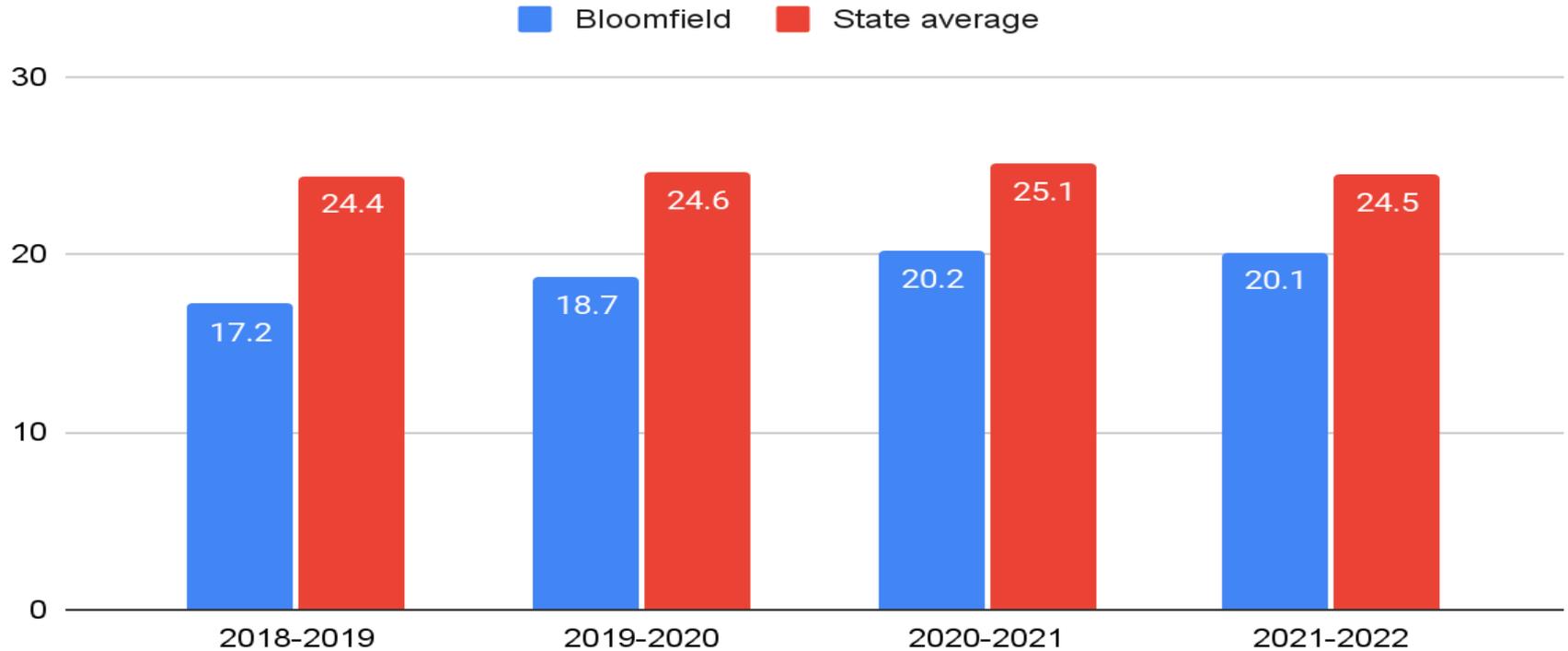
Requiring increased needs in adult support

Requiring services through age 22

Requiring increased needs in intensive/substantially separate programs Prek-12, ESY

EdSight District Performance Report

Percentage of Total Expenditures Used for Special Education

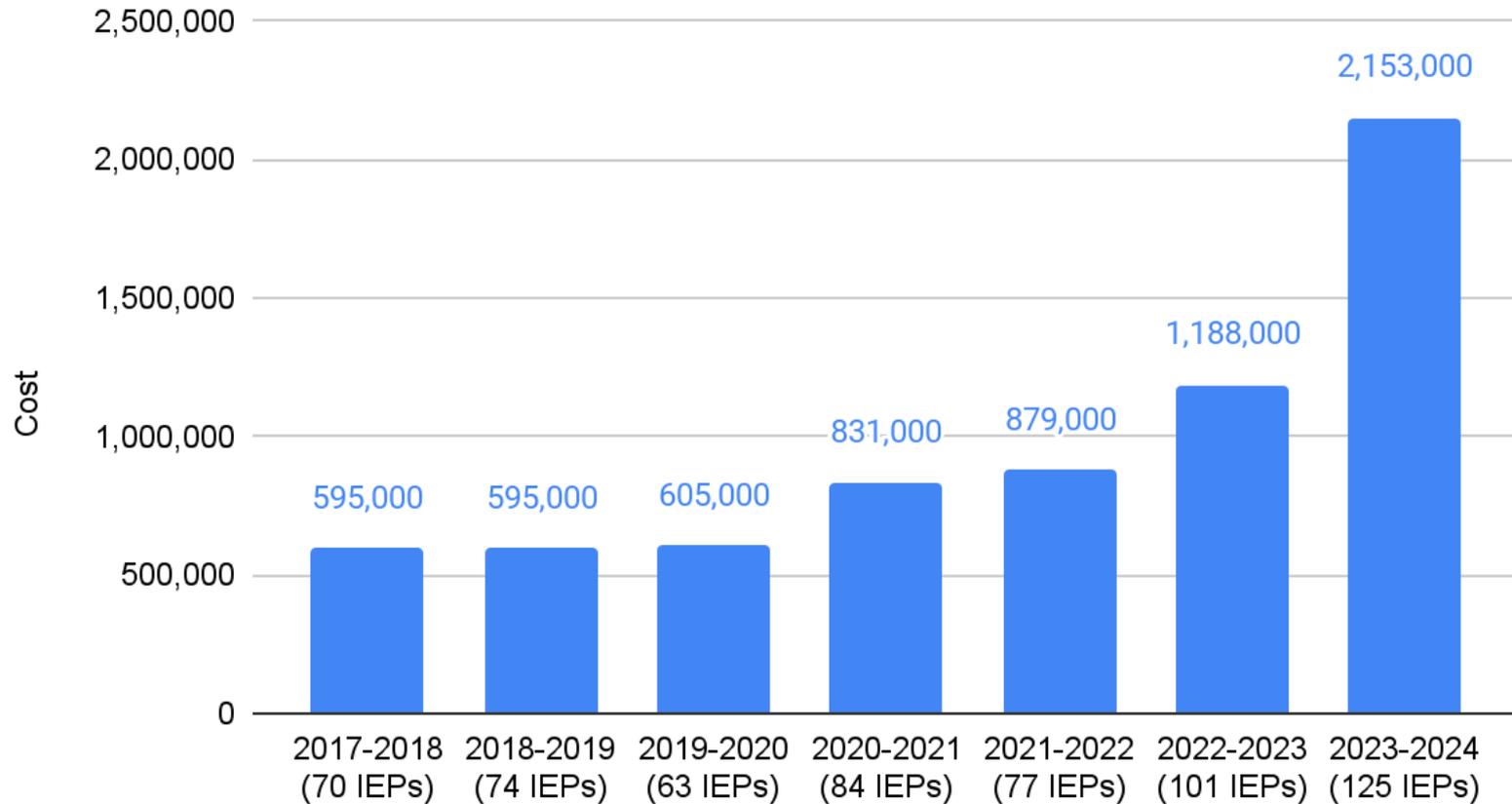


Steps to Success Academy



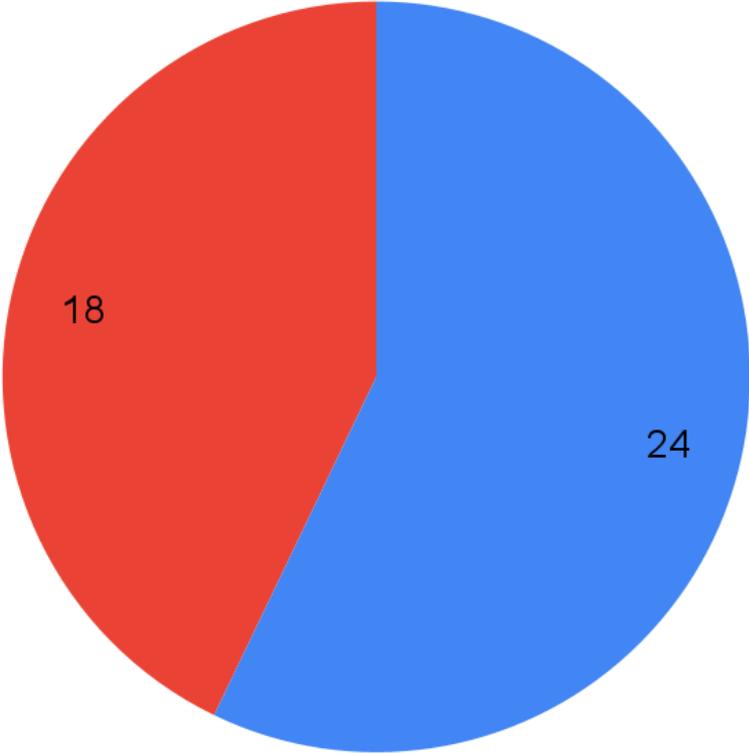
- K-8 Alternative Program Opened in 2018
- Support over 40 students 2018-2023
- 2023-2024 Projected enrollment 16 Students
- Anticipated Cost Avoidance 23/24 \$1 million

Projected Magnet IEP Cost of Services



Outplaced Students

● Outplaced by BPS (\$2,725,277.46) ● Came to BPS in Outplacement (\$1,845,799.34)



Outplaced Students by Grade (Transition only \$1,024,923.43)

