



Peekskill City School District

Special Services Department Special Education Plan & Budget

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Peekskill's Promise

Our Mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.



**Rigorous
PreK-12 Aligned
and Culturally
Responsive
Academics**



**Robust
Literacy
and STEAM
Opportunities**



**Whole-Child
Commitment**



**Enrichment
Experiences
For All**



**Powerful
Parent, Family
and Community
Partnerships**

Special Services Data

Students with Disabilities (CSE)	2019-20	2020-21	Current
Total in district students	513	491	505
Total out of district students (BOCES, Special Day, including Residential)	77	76	80
Enrollment (total number of students with IEPs)	590	567	587

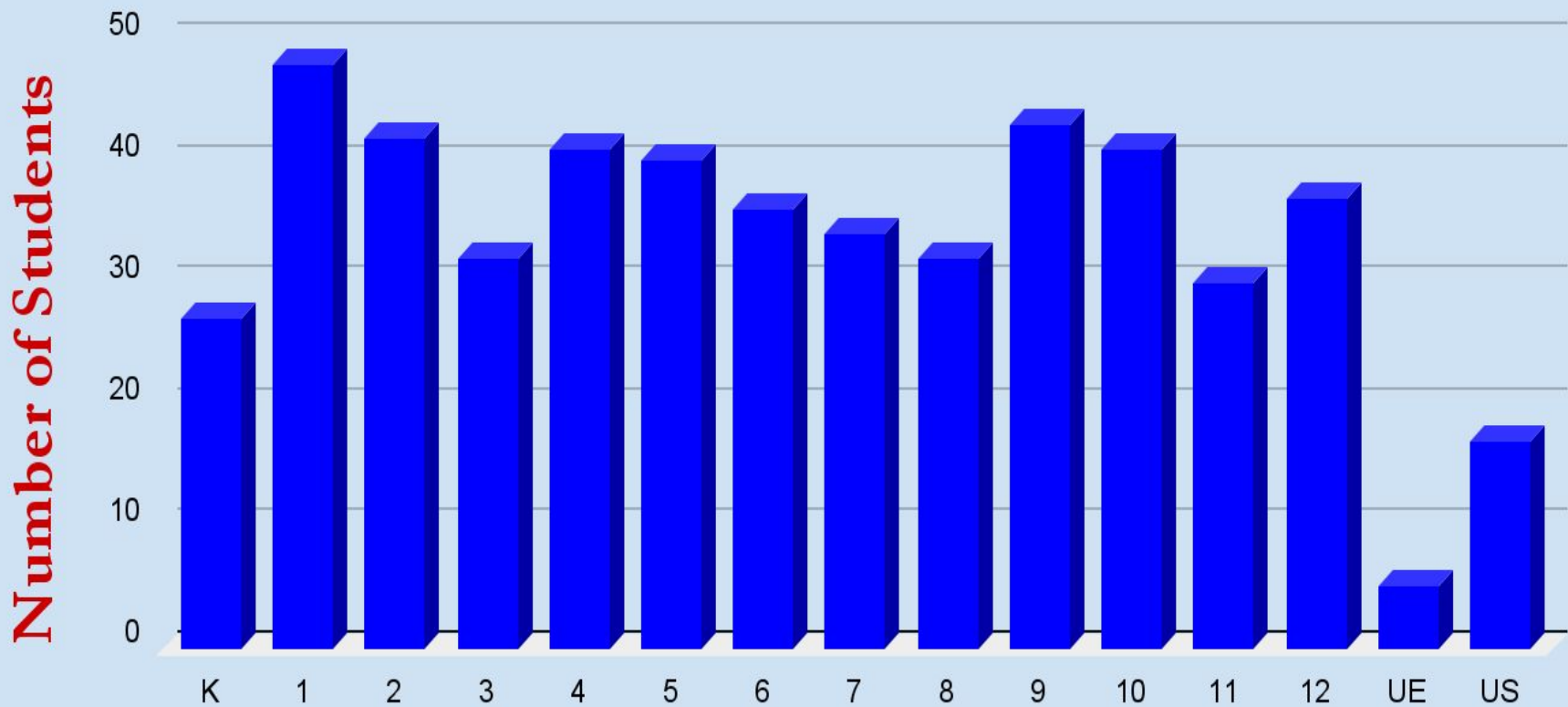
Classification Rate	2019-20	2020-21	Current
Total District K - 12 Enrollment	3366	3488	3689
Classification Rate	17.53%	16.26%	15.91%

Other Special Services	Current
CPSE (Committee on Preschool Special Education)	116
504 (medical) plans	72

Total # of Student	Current
CSE, CPSE, 504 total	775

SPED Students by Grade Level

Numbers of SPED Students by Grade Level



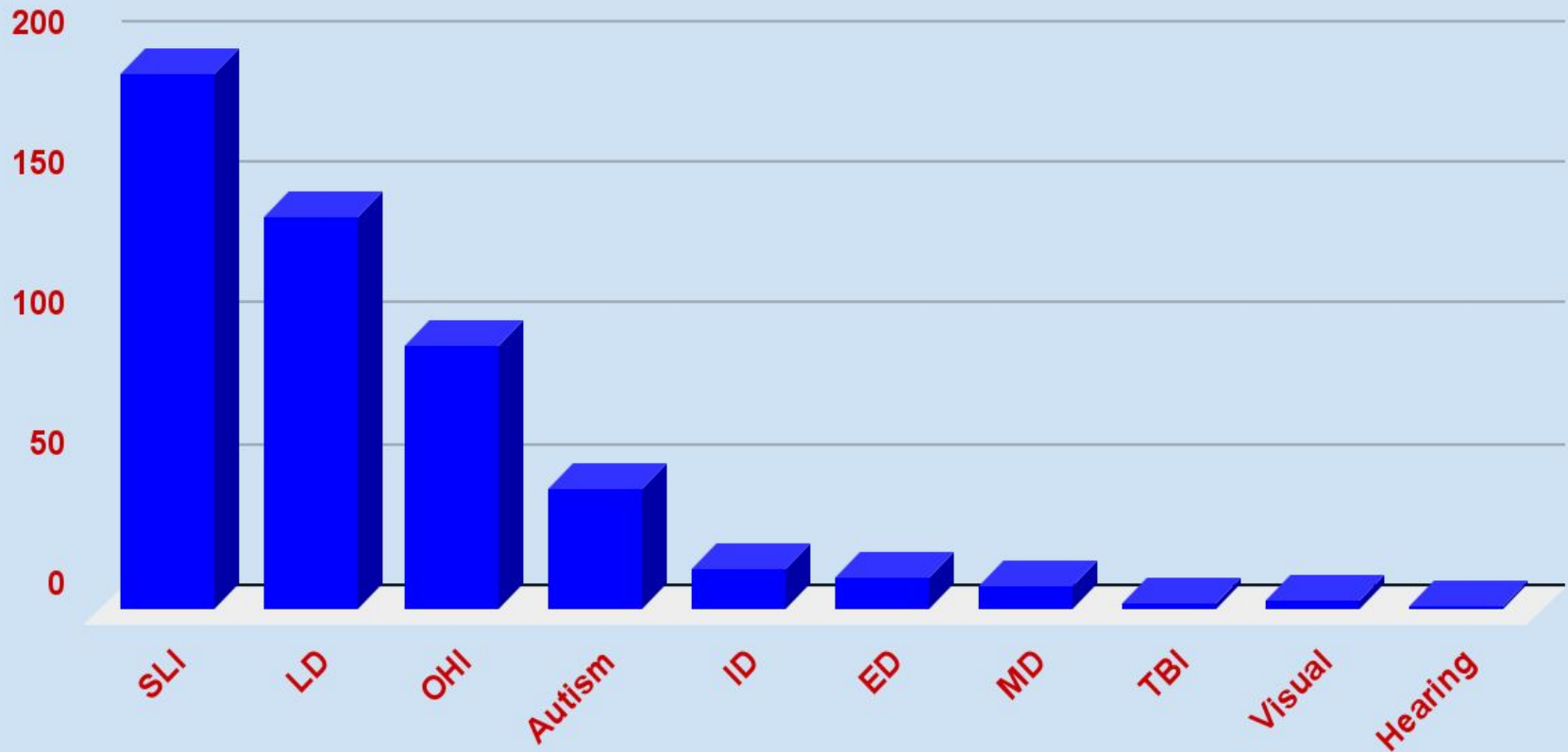
UE = Ungraded Elementary
US = Ungraded Secondary

Grade Levels

Total = 505

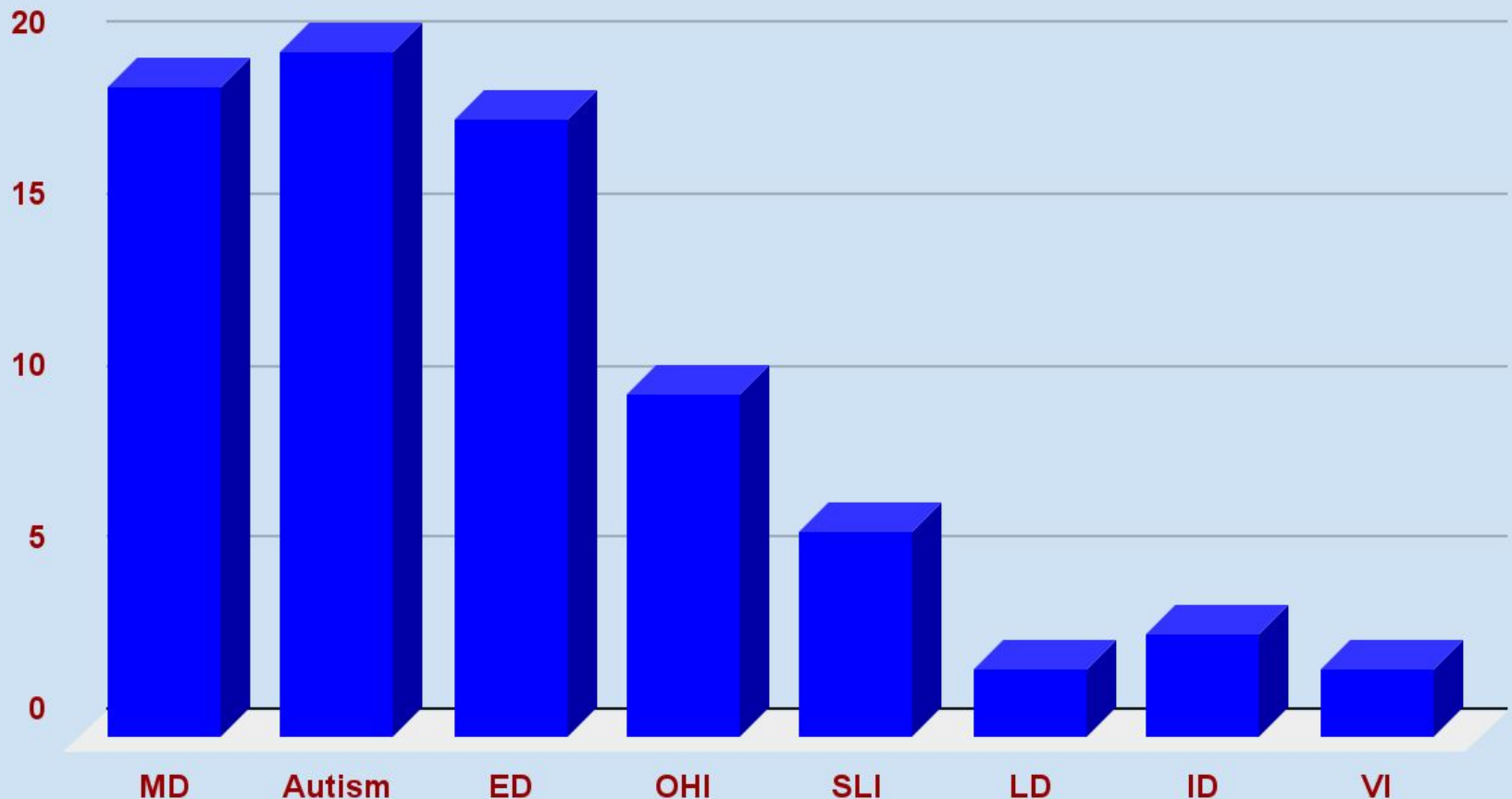
In-District By Classification

In District Placements by Classification



Out of District By Classification

OOD Placements by Classification



Special Education Staff

Position	Total #
Special Education Teachers	43
Teacher Assistants (TAs)	24
Teacher Aides & 1:1 Aides	41
Psychologists	9
Social Workers	7
Speech Language Therapists	8
Occupational Therapists	3.6
Physical Therapists	1.6
Nurses	6
TOTAL Special Services Staff	143.2

Special Education Budget

	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Proposed Budget	Difference	% of Increase/ Decrease
Salaries - Certified	\$6,763,783	\$6,739,600	-\$24,183	0.36%
Salaries - Classified	\$815,397	\$1,106,208	\$290,811	35.66%
Equipment & Repair	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$0	0%
Other Prof Services	\$191,000	\$191,000	\$0	0%
Medicaid Reimb Costs	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	0%
Tuition - HC	\$3,190,000	\$3,418,071	\$228,071	7.2%
Wrkshp/ Conf/ Trvl/ Mem	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0%
BOCES	\$4,811,150	\$4,939,569	\$128,419	2.7%
Supplies and Materials	\$55,450	\$55,450	\$0	0%
TOTAL	\$15,845,582	\$16,468,598	\$623,118	3.9%

Student Support Services

Budget Function	Budget 2021-22	Proposed Budget 2022-23	Inc/Dec \$	Inc/Dec%
A2810 Guidance Services	\$1,385,724.00	\$1,455,774.14	\$70,050.14	5.06%
A2815 Nursing Services	\$809,954.00	\$889,587.00	\$79,633	7.09%
A2820 Psychological Services	\$791,094.00	\$839,729.00	\$48,635.00	9.83%
A2825 Social Work Services	\$540,429.00	\$414,694.07	-\$125,734.93	-23.27%
Total	\$3,527,201.00	\$3,599,784.21	\$72,583.21	2.06%

Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)

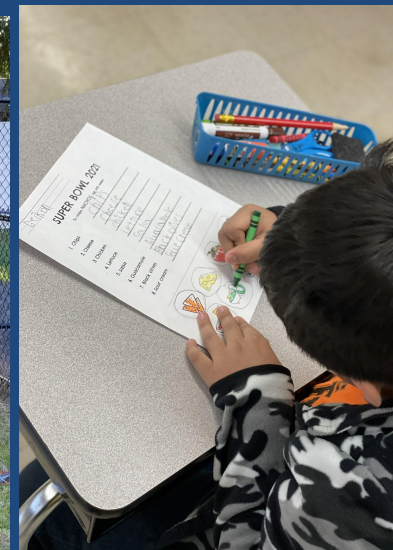
2021-2022 Grant Allocations

611 Funding	
Salaries	\$755,831
Purchased Services	\$101,220
Supplies and Materials	\$27,461
BOCES Services	\$27,897
American Rescue Funds	\$184,629

619 Funding	
Salaries	\$10,344
Purchased Services	\$18,445
Supplies and Materials	\$7,091
BOCES Services	\$10,000
American Rescue Funds	\$20,561

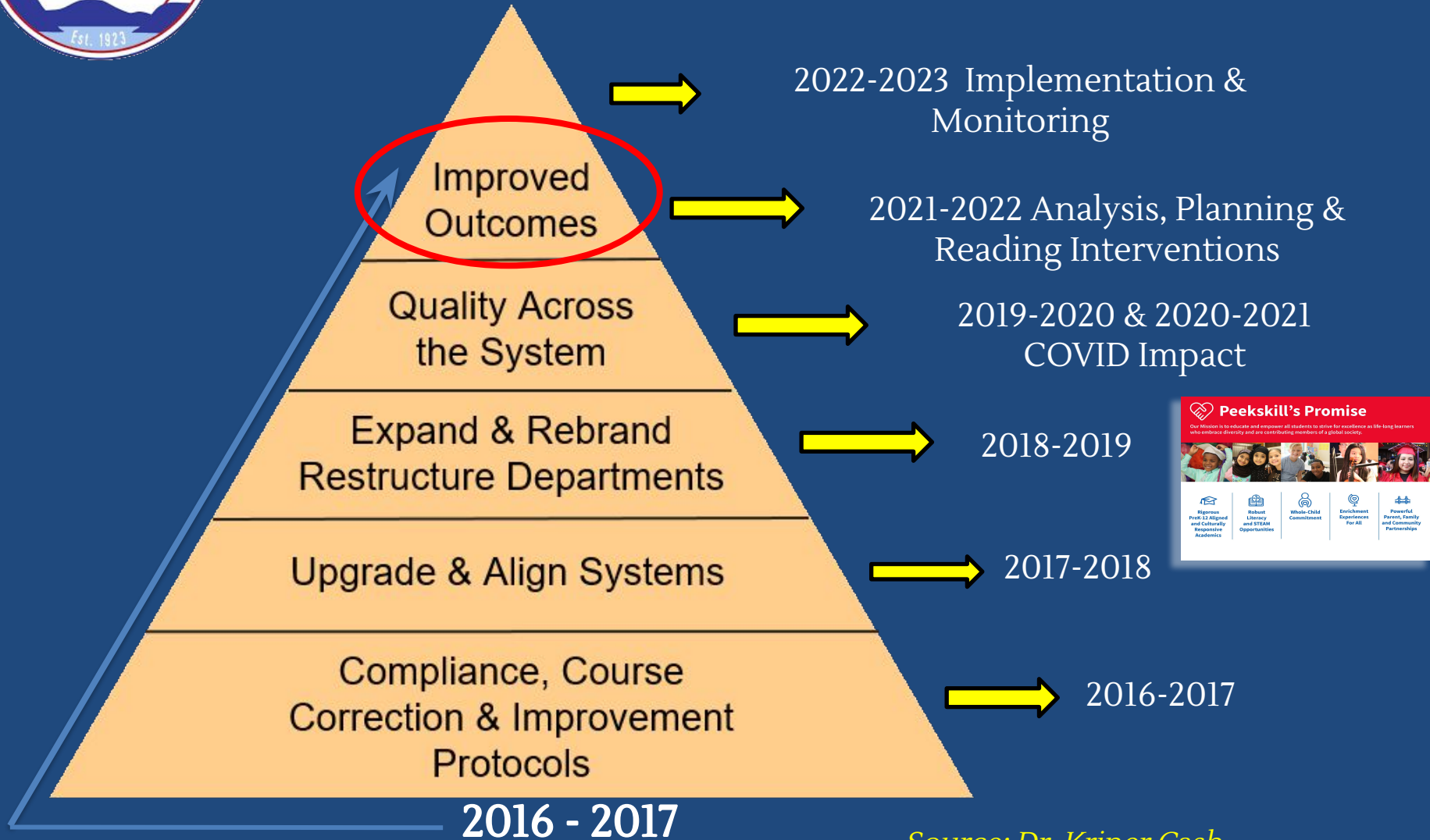
Special Education Plan

“Quality & Improved Outcomes”





Special Education Strategic Plan



*Source: Dr. Kriner Cash
Superintendent (Adapted)*

Special Services Department

Director of Special Services

Student Support Services (Tenet 5)

Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Structure

504 Committee
RTI Committee

Social Emotional Learning

Whole Child Health & Wellness (Birth to 21)

Commitment 2 Character

Zones of Regulation

TCIS

Office of Special Education

Ages 3 to 21

Committee on Special Education (CSE)
Committee on PreSchool Special Education (CPSE)

Budget, Grant Management, NY State Reporting, Part 200 Compliance, Initial Eligibility, Annual Review Process, Manifestation and Hearings, Staffing, Scheduling, Supervision, Program Development, Out of District Placement and Preschool Special Education Operations, Clinical and Crisis Team

IMPROVED OUTCOMES...

IEP Development to IEP Implementation & Instruction in the Classroom

Special Education Curriculum & Instruction

Director of Special Education for Instruction

*Reading/Academic Services (Read Well, Wilson), Unique Curriculum & NYSAA, ICT coaching
Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) support, Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) &
Specially Designed Instruction (SDI), Professional Development, Quality Assurance*

WOODSIDE

RISE, PACE,
15:1:1, ICT

OAKSIDE

ICT/RSO

HILLCREST

RISE, 15:1:1,
ICT

PKMS

RISE, 15:1,
ICT

PHS

RISE, PACE,
15:1, ICT

Parent Family Community Engagement (Tenet 6)

Parent, Family & Community Liaison

Family Resource Center

SEPTO

Community Schools

Onsite Community Partners

Saturday Academy

How Do We Improve Outcomes?

- ✓ Staffing
- ✓ Resources
- ✓ Time
- ✓ Funding
- ✓ Professional Development



Department
Analysis
Self - Review

Special Education Analysis Highlights

Fall 2021

1. Planning & Preparation

- a. Common Planning Time
- b. Related Services Collaborative Model
- c. Collaboration with Special Area Teachers

2. Staffing

- a. Maximize use of paraprofessionals
- b. Minimize need for staff coverages

3. Instructional Practices

- a. Differentiation
- b. Accommodation/Modifications
- c. Physical Environment, Resources & Materials

4. IEP Goals & Progress Monitoring

- a. Enhance data driven IEPs
- b. Increase knowledge of all staff

5. Professional Development

- a. ICT Coaching
- b. Instructional Programs (Read Well and others)
- c. IEP Development and Implementation
- d. SEL and Class management

Special Education Plan

“Quality & Improved Outcomes”

5 Areas of Focus

1. Curriculum & Instruction
 - a. **Department Analysis / Self Review**
2. Post-Secondary Transition Planning
3. Enrichment & Social Opportunities
4. Social Emotional Learning & Disproportionality
5. Parent Education & Communication



*Plan developed in 2019 by
PCSD Special Education
Steering Committee in
accordance with the NYS
Guidance Document*

5 Areas of Focus

Curriculum and Instruction	Post Secondary Transition Planning	Enrichment & Social Opportunities	SEL & Disproportionality	Parent Education
<p>Special Education Analysis</p> <p>G&R Coaching</p> <p>Read Well Program</p> <p>ESY & Summer Programs</p>	<p>Family Center Sessions</p> <p>Annual Review Information</p> <p>Skills Class</p> <p>Post-Secondary Lessons and Readiness checklists</p>	<p>SEPTO Yoga</p> <p>Pioneers Program</p> <p>SEL Coaches</p>	<p>Zones of Regulation</p> <p>TCIS Training</p> <p>CRE Professional Development K-12</p> <p>NYSED and BOCES Regional Partnership Consultations and Workshops for MTSS and Disproportionality</p>	<p>Family Resource Center Sessions and Workshops with WIHD and other partners</p> <p>SEPTO meetings and presentations</p>

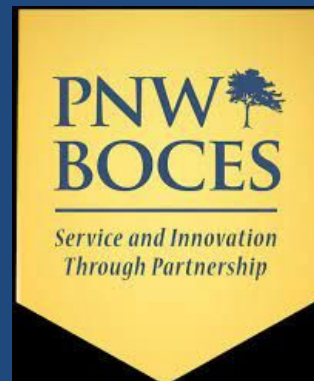
2021-2022 Highlights



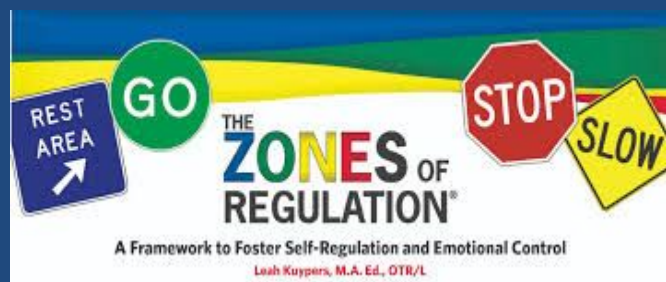
*ICT Coaching & Special Class
Instructional Reading Program*



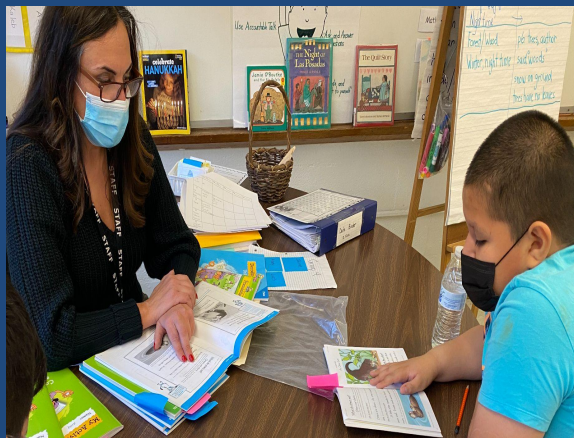
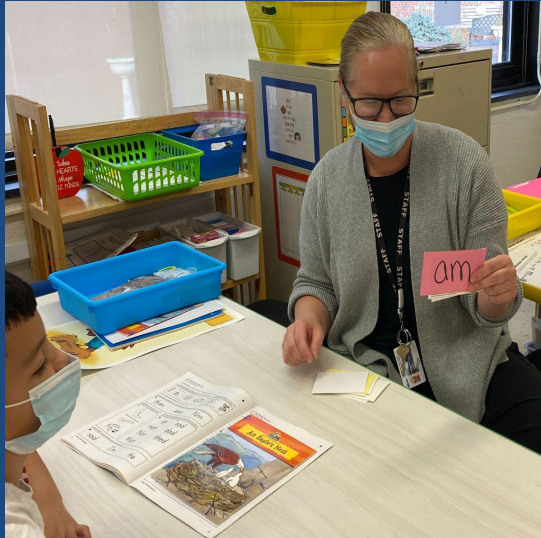
*Social Emotional Learning
(TCIS, SEPTO Yoga, Zones of Regulation &
Disproportionality Data Work)*

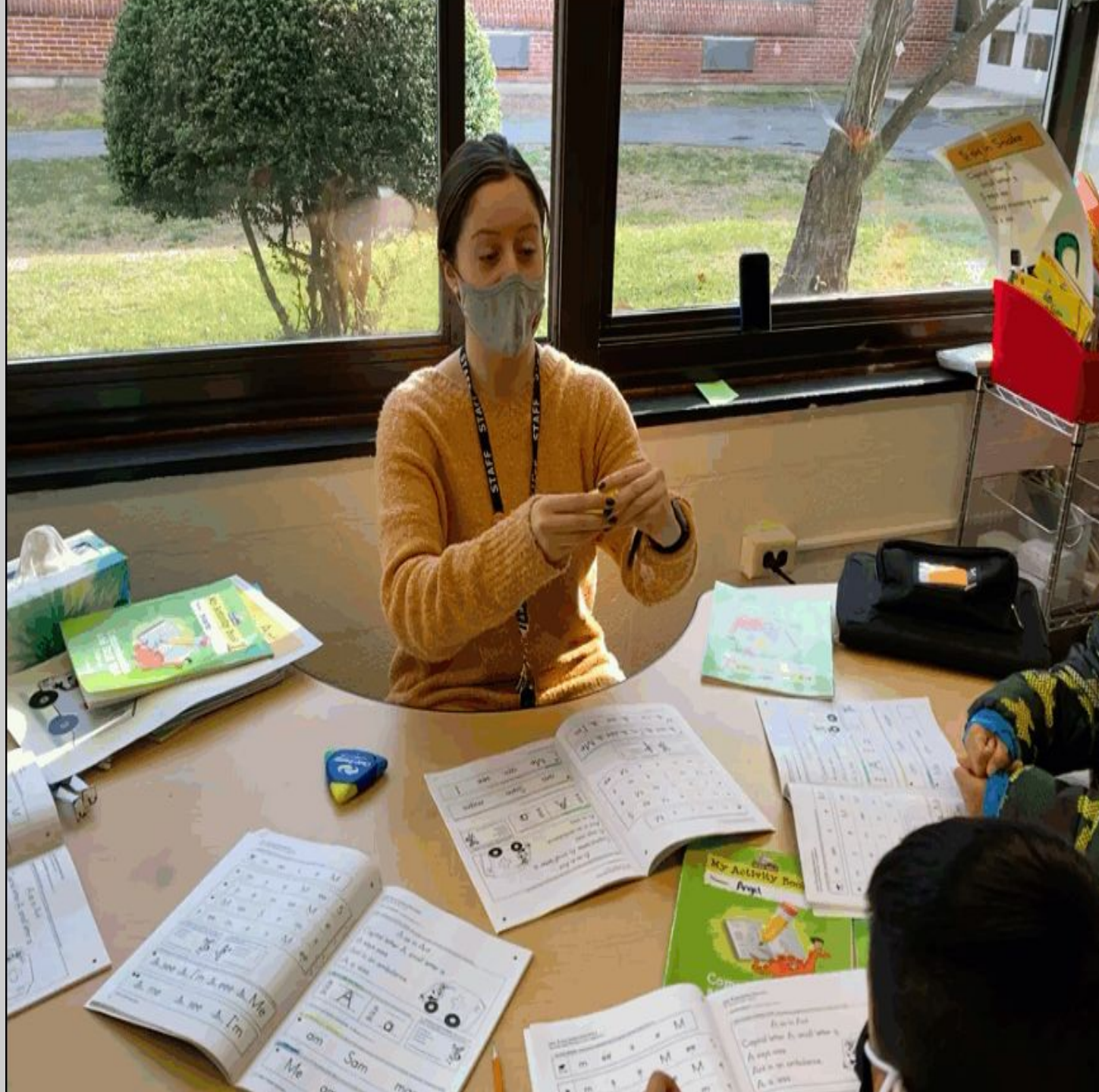


*Enrichment & Social
Opportunities
(Pioneers & SEL Coaches)*



Read Well





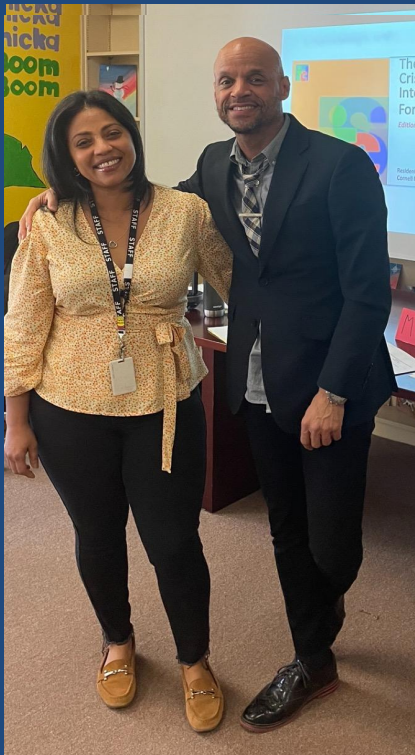
Summer Highlights



Indoor Camping!



Therapeutic Crisis Intervention in Schools (TCIS)



Our TCIS Trainers
Ana Bueno, Hillcrest Social Worker
Misha Thomas, BOCES Consultant



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Family Resource Center



PCSD New Family Orientations

PCSD Technology Boot Camp

PCSD Raising a Reader Program

PCSD Special Education Workshops

PCSD Transition Workshops and Support

PCSD SEPTO Family Yoga Classes

My Money Matters Workshops

Nutrition Classes

BOCES Adult GED / TASC Program

BOCES Adult ESL

PCSD Newcomer Parent University





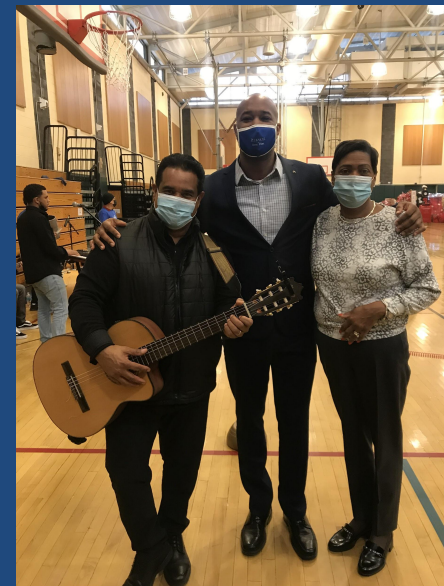
Saturday Academy



*Arts in Education
Bullying Prevention Assembly*



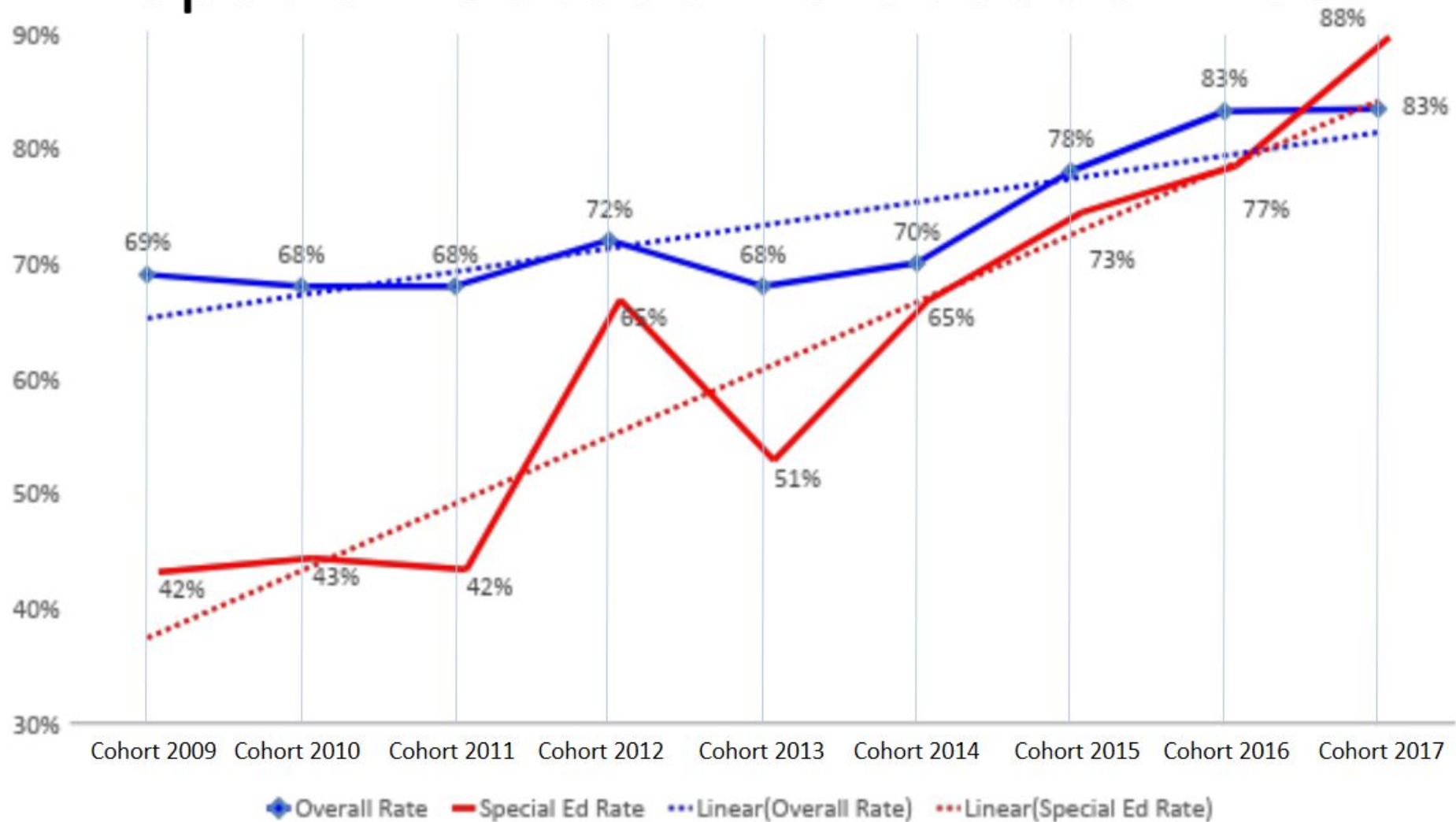
Thank you to our Saturday Academy Team & Partners



Celebrating Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Graduation Rate vs. Special Education Graduation Rate





CLASS OF
2021
Proud



Thank You to Our Special Services Team



#WholeChild



Thank You