

Needham Public Schools Student Support Services

FY20 Budget Presentation

Student Support Services

- ❑ Special Education
- ❑ Section 504 Accommodation Plans
- ❑ Counseling Services
- ❑ Nursing Services
- ❑ English Language Education
- ❑ METCO
- ❑ Home Hospital Tutoring
- ❑ Home School



FY20 Budget Drivers

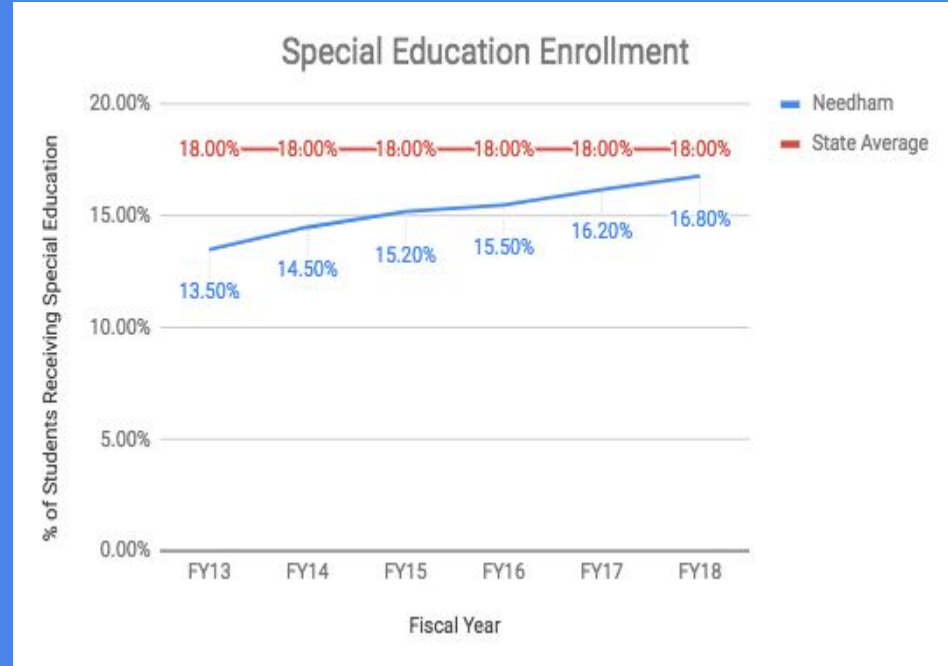
- Provide necessary support services personnel to meet student enrollment growth and level of student needs K-12
- Respond to grants being phased out and stricter federal rules requiring services to parentally placed private school and home school students
- Provide necessary administrative support and direct services for Sunita Williams Elementary School and the newly relocated K-5 Elementary Learning Center
- Maintain appropriate funding to support special education contractual services, out of district tuition, and extended school year services.

FY20 Budget Context: Special Education

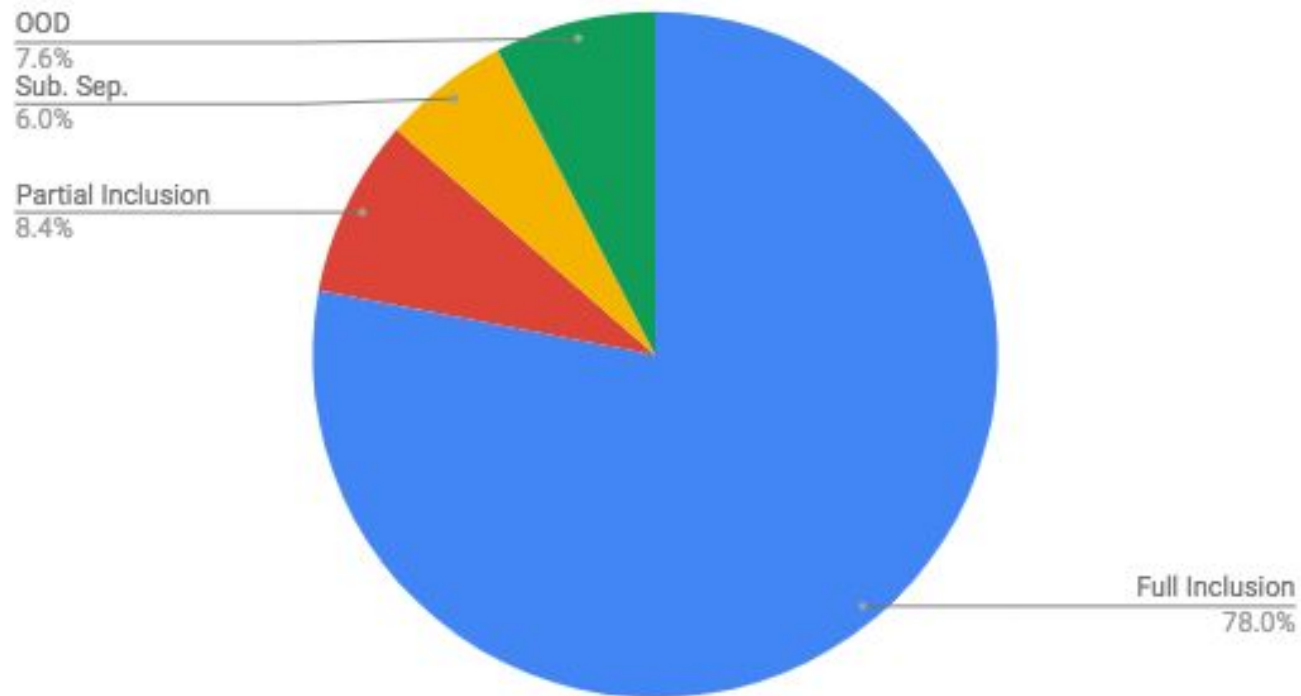
The Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) requires that all students with disabilities be provided a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)

Individual Education Programs (IEPs) are developed for each student requiring special education and can include services such as specialized instruction, behavior plans, speech therapy, physical and occupational therapy, hearing and vision services, and counseling

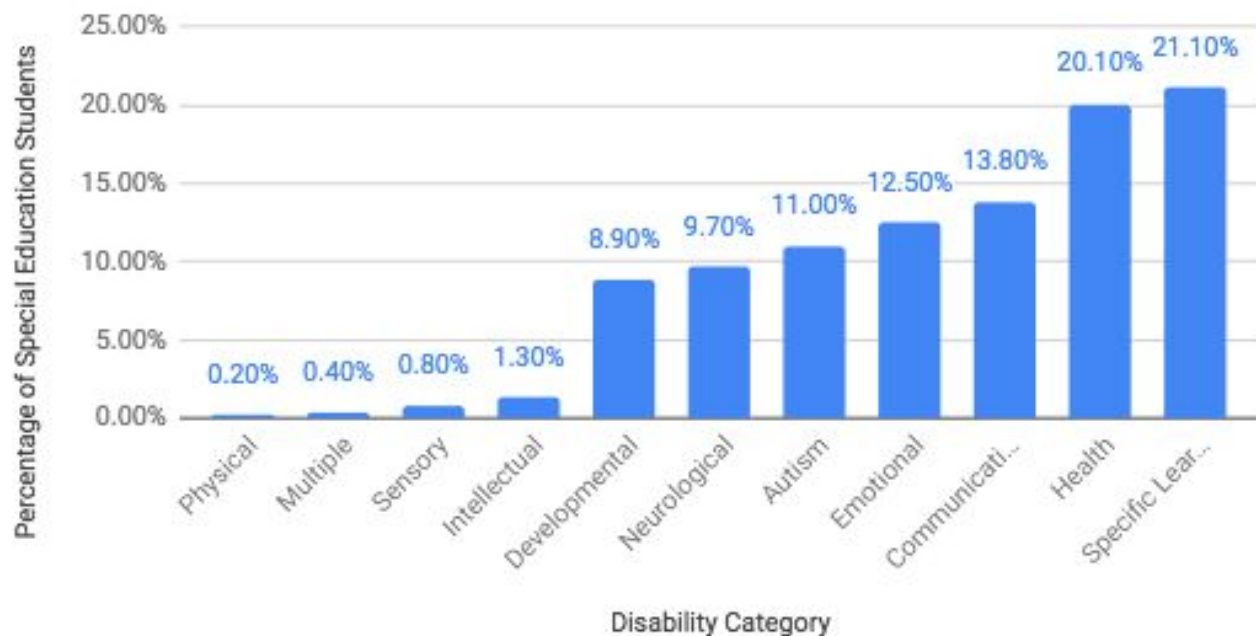
Special Education Evaluations are conducted by qualified school teams to determine eligibility and to inform the development of IEPs



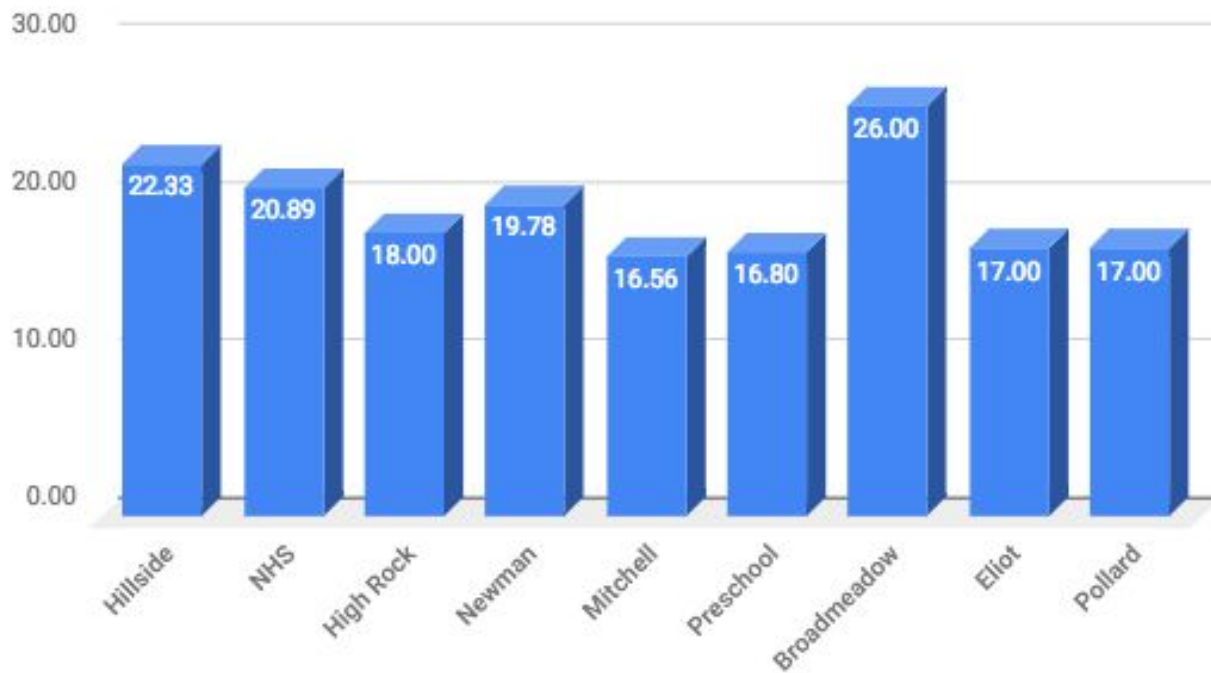
Placement by Type SY 2017-2018



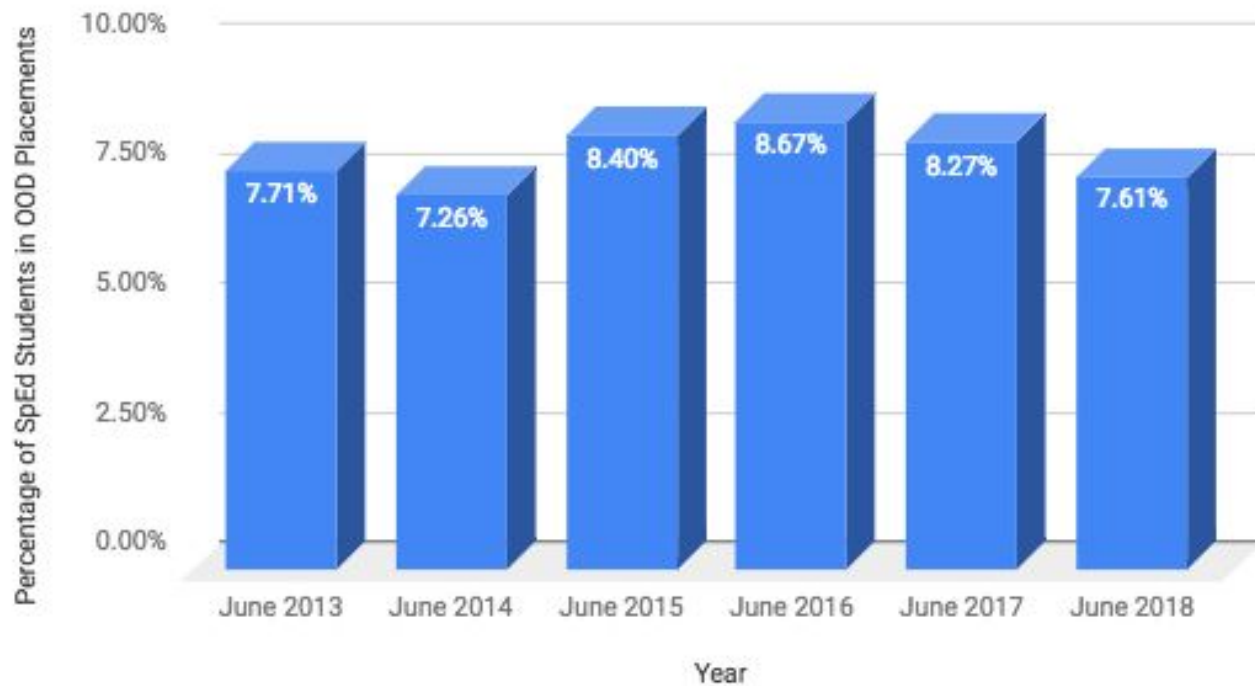
Percentage of Students Receiving Special Education Services by Disability Category SY 2017-2018



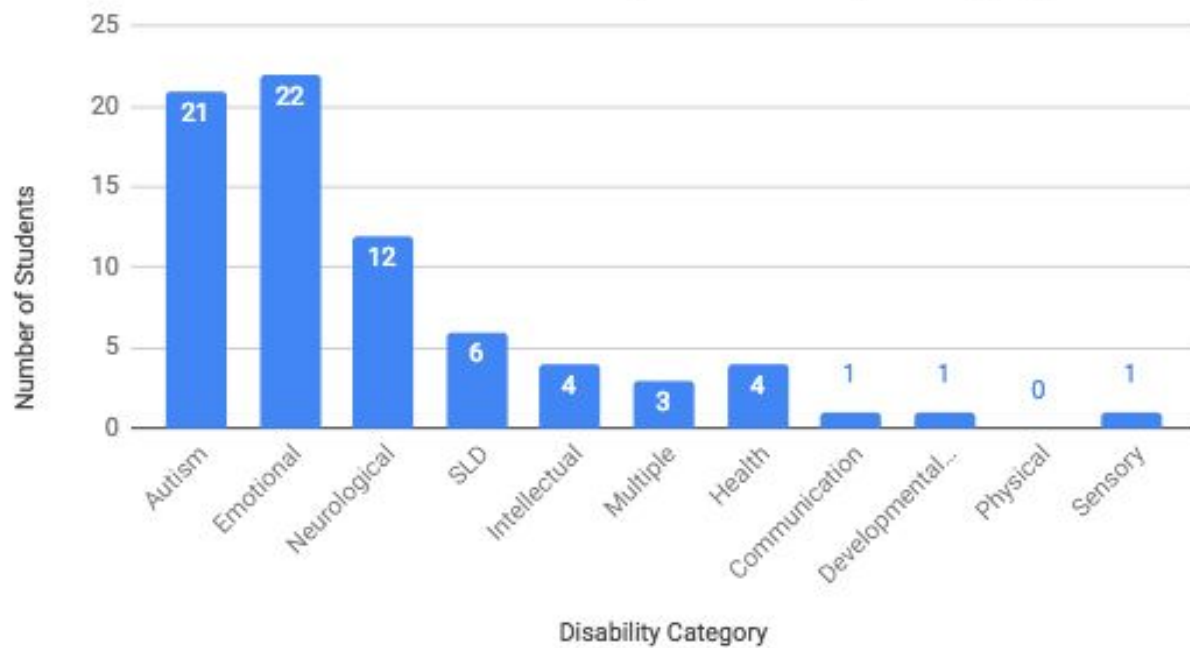
Inclusion Based Special Education Liaison Caseloads (Oct. 1, 2018)



OOD as a Percentage of Special Education June 2013 - June 2018



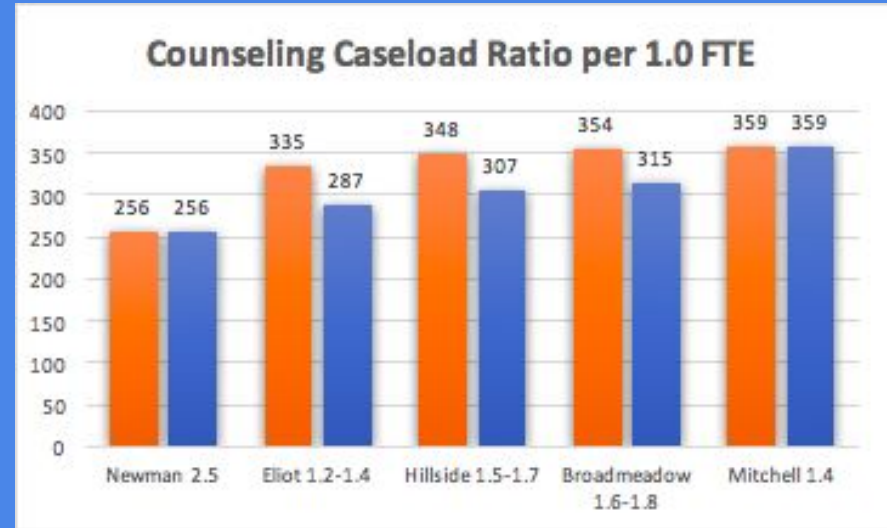
Number of OOD Students per Disability Category



FY20 Budget Context: Counseling Services

Counseling services are comprehensive and include:

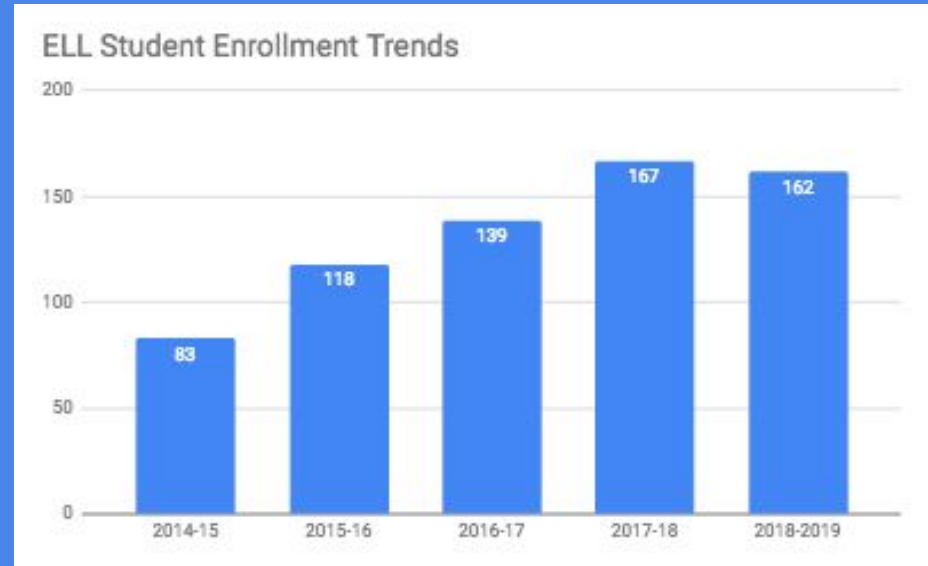
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL) individual and group instruction in/out of classroom
- Individual and group counseling
- Consultation to teachers
- Consultation to families
- Mental Health crisis intervention
- Interface with community agencies
- Liaisons to Walker Group Home
- Individual Education Plans (IEPS) for special education
- 504 Accommodation Plan Coordination and service provision



FY20 Budget Context: ELL services

Federal and State law require schools to address language barriers that prevent ELs from participating meaningfully in their education

- Formal procedures to Identify and progress monitor ELs
- Screening requirements expanded to preschool and private school students
- Provision of appropriate frequency, duration, & type of EL instruction
- Language translation and assistance for parents when needed



FY20 Budget Request: Student Services

- 5.8 Special Education Direct Service Staff (special education teachers, teaching assistants, psychologist, grant phase out)
- .6 Guidance Counselors
- 2.05 Nursing Staff (transport nurse, grant phase out) Total FTE: 8.45

- .4 SpEd Coordinator Sunita Williams
- .2 Upgrade ELL Coordinator to Administrative Position Total FTE: .6

- Funding to meet Out of District tuition obligation \$482,412.00
- Funding to meet contractual services obligation \$124,435.00
- Funding to meet special education transportation obligation \$ 29,008.00

Questions?

