Understanding Special Education Costs

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The Budget…

Constant:

- Supplies
- Dues
- Professional Development

Variable:

- Public Tuition
- Private Tuition
- Special Education Therapy and Evaluation
- Transportation

What Causes the Variability?

Our obligation to educate all students in their least restrictive environment.

Individuals with Disabilities Act (rev. 1990)

Education of all Handicapped Children Act 1975

District recommends an out of district placement to meet the student's needs

Students move to the district and were previously placed by sending district

DCF involvement

Unilateral Placements

Parent requests for Independent Educational Evaluations

Additional supports/evaluations required for educational programming

Out of District Placement Examples

School Name	Daily Rate	Yearly Tuition	Transportation
Natchaug Hospital	$353	$66,717	$2,472
Waterford Country School	$347	$64, 195	$22,341
Meliora		$138, 420	$32,720
Foundation School		$68, 500	$37, 026
LEARN		$115,650	$26,961
Public School		$22,412	N/A

Special Education Therapy and Evaluation Examples

Professional Services	Cost Per Year
Behavioral Supports	$97,900 per student
Independent Educational Evaluation	$5,000 ea.
District Evaluation Request/Consultation	$5,000 ea. / $1,350 ea.

Sample Budget

Example: Projected 2022-23 Special Education Budget					
Student	**School**	**Tuition**	**Transportation**	**SpEd Therapy and Evaluation**	**Total**
Student A	School Z	$115,650	$26,961		$142,611
Student B	School Y	$115,650	$26,961		$142,611
Student C				$97,900	$97,900
Student D				$5,000	$5,000
Projected Budget: $388,122					
Student E	School W	$108,000	N/A		$108,000
Student F				$3,600	$3,600
Student G & H				$195,800	$195,800
Projected Increased Expenditure: $307,400					
Projected Adjusted Expenditures: $388,122 + $307,400 = $695,522					

Questions?

Thank you

