

Board of Education Questions
January 15, 2024

1. page 1: DRG A HS Building Level Admin with Special Ed:
 1. could we please add the current Department Chairs for each district to this chart, so that we can see the current overall ratios for the high schools including number of Department Chairs vs the other DRG A schools? I would like to request that the Darien data be shown both with and without the additional proposed AP.
 2. I would also like to request that Department Chairs be added to the DRG A Middle School Building Level Admin chart that is in the RC 3 section of the budget book. (Since the Darien Department Chairs serve grades 6-12, I would assume that .5 of each Department Chair would be allocated separately to the high school and middle school). Please show the data for MMS both with and without the additional proposed AP.

Department Chairs are allocated 0.8FTE to DHS and 0.2FTE to MMS.

[DHS](#)

[MMS](#)

1. page 1: DRG A Administrators chart: could we please add at the bottom of the page the total # of students in each district and the ratio of students to administrators for each school in DRG A.

[DRG A Admin with Enrollment](#)

1. page 3: PD Totals: could additional details be provided for RC 15, RC 22, RC 24, and RC 26 as to what the PD will be used for specifically and how this compares to prior year spending, if there is an increase?

[PD Historical Spending](#)

1. Pro Forma analysis on page 11 in Budget Book: question on Building Substitutes vs Elementary Paraprofessionals pro forma savings of -\$430k. (I am asking because I'm not sure if this might need to be discussed further in Executive Session due to the pending Paraprofessional salary contract):
 1. In the Personnel Object detail, the proposed addition of +10 Building Substitutes, decrease of -10 Elementary Paraprofessionals, and increase of 5 Lunch Monitors actually results in a net addition of +\$65.5k, vs the -\$430k savings shown in the Pro Forma analysis.
 2. Is the difference in the Object detail vs the pro forma -\$430k savings due to the new Paraprofessional contract that has not yet been voted on? Could you please give further explanation on how the -\$430k savings was arrived at and what it includes (or could we discuss this in Executive Session prior to the BOE meeting on 1/17)?
 3. Is the current 2024-25 proposed Para contract change currently included in the RC 18 Personnel "Contract Support" line item?

Category	Budget Change*
10 Additional Building Substitutes	\$398,000
Reduction of 10 Instructional Paraprofessionals	\$(836,459)
Net Savings	\$(438,459)

*Includes Insurance

Lunch Monitors are funded in the Food Service Account. Total additional cost of \$67,500

There is no impact in the savings of reducing instructional paraprofessionals for building substitutes due to the new paraprofessional contract. The savings are shown above.

Upon approval by the BOE of the paraprofessional contract the FY25 Superintendent's Budget can be reduced by \$207,048. The reduction will occur in contract support (\$172,471) and health insurance (\$34,577 insurance premiums). This will bring the Superintendent's Proposed Budget down to \$121,321,958 or 6.01%.