Title I



Important Title I Fact

Over 99% of Lead Educational Agencies (LEA) / Districts in New York State receive Title I funds

What grants comprise the consolidated grant?

Title I, Part A	Improving Basic Programs Operated by LEA's (Low-Income Students), Homeless Set-Aside, Neglected and Delinquent Programs
Title II, Part A	Supporting Effective Instruction (Professional Learning)
Title III	English Language Learners and Immigrant Students
Title IV	Student Support and Academic Enrichment

What is Title I, Part A?

***Title I**, Part A (**Title I**) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended (ESEA) provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.*

https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/school-support-and-accountability/title-i-part-a-program/

What is the Title I, Part A Homeless Set Aside Portion?

- Part of Title I funding (not additional money)
- Must be:
  - “Reasonable and necessary to assist homeless students to take advantage of educational opportunities”
  - Used only as a last resort when other public or private funds are not available
- We allocated $600 for the 2024-25 school year

Guidance from NYSED

Other Title I Facts

- Enacted in the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 (ESEA)
- Renewed most recently in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- Intended to close educational achievement gaps for economically disadvantaged students
- Supplemental services (staff, programs)
- Federal funding managed by New York State (SEA)

Title I in Brewster

- We are not a Title I District
- NYSED Title I Office was unaware of the existence of a ‘Title I District’ designation (see linked letter)
- All BCSD buildings are currently designated as School-wide Title I programs

Funding and Allocation Determination

Funding Stream for Title I Funding

Federal Allocation made to NYSED based on Federal Census Poverty data

NYSED allocates grants to LEA's

Districts allocate using a per-pupil formula

https://www.nysed.gov/essa/title-i-part-improving-basic-programs-operated-leas-fact-sheet#

How is the Title I Allocation Determined?

- It is determined through the Federal Census Poverty Data (from two years prior)

- It is NOT determined through free / reduced lunch data

- No data / reporting from the school district is used by the federal government to determine our Title I allocation

What is free / reduced lunch data used for?

- As a guide for local determination as to how to utilize the Title I funds

- Does not factor into the Federal Census Poverty Data

Title I Funding Locally, Regionally, & State-wide

What were Brewster's designations in previous years?

2010-11 School Year:	Targeted Assistance
2011-12 School Year:	JFK, CVS & WMS School-wide Program
2012-13 School Year:	JFK & CVS Targeted Assistance
2013-14 School Year:	BHS School-wide Program, CVS & JFK Targeted Assistance
2014-15 School Year:	All four schools were part of the School-wide Program
2015-16 School Year:	All four schools were part of the School-wide Program
2016-17 School Year:	JFK & CVS School-wide Program
2017-18 School Year:	JFK & CVS School-wide Program
2018-19 School Year:	JFK & CVS School-wide Program
2019-20 School Year:	JFK & CVS School-wide Program
2020-21 School Year:	JFK & CVS School-wide Program
2021-22 School Year:	JFK & CVS School-wide Program
2022-23 School Year:	JFK & CVS School-wide Program
2023-24 School Year:	All schools, School-wide Program
2024-25 School Year:	All schools, School-wide Program

How many Title I School-wide Program schools exist?

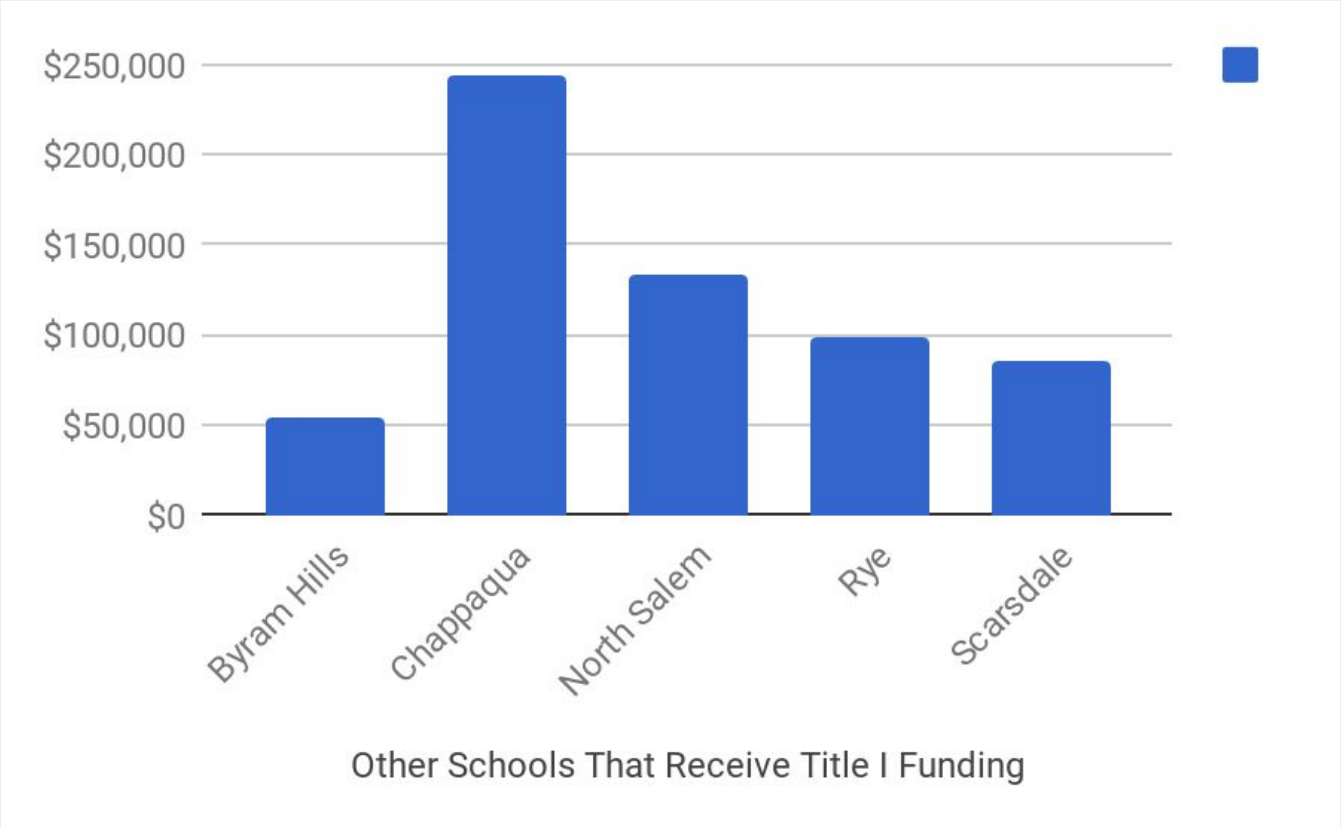
Putnam County (2017-18 School Year)

- Putnam Valley: PV Elementary School, PV Middle School
- Carmel: Matthew Patterson Elementary, Kent Elementary, Kent Primary, George Fischer Middle School
- Mahopac: Austin Road Elementary, Fulmar Road Elementary, Lakeview Elementary

New York State (2015-16 School Year- most recent posted)

- Over 2,200 schools were designated as School-wide

A Sampling of Wealthier Districts that receive Title I funds (2017-18 school year)



"Over 99% of LEA's (districts/schools) receive Title I Funding" (conversation with a NYSED Title I representative on April 16).

How do Title I funds need to be spent?

How do Title I funds need to be used?

Services need to directly impact student achievement by:

- Additional services that increase quantity and quality of education
- Must be allowable, reasonable, necessary

Brewster must set aside funds for the following:

- Homeless Reserve ($500 - $1,100)

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Title I Allowable vs Unallowable Expenditures

Allowable

- Academic Support for At Risk Students
- Support Staff for Title I Programs
- Title I Program Supplies and Materials
- Title I Parent and Family Engagement
- Professional Development
- Conference Costs
- Other

Unallowable

- Core instruction or mandated services
- Supplies and materials
- Professional development not tied to schoolwide plan
- Other

Attachment from NYSED here

What is the difference between targeted vs school-wide?

Targeted Assistance

- Title I funds must be limited to services for eligible students (most at-risk academically)
- May only be used to meet the needs of children with greatest needs

School-wide

- All students may benefit from the use of funds
- Activities must be part of a school-wide plan and support academic need

We have school-wide programs at each of our four schools

Why School-wide Programs K-12?

- Focus on literacy
- Flexibility in how the funds can be utilized (still needs to be supplemental)
- Intervention supports

Private Schools Within BCSD Boundaries & BCSD Residents Attending Private Schools

Who else besides BCSD students are entitled to Title I funds?

Private schools within our boundaries:

- Green Chimneys - # of BCSD residents who qualify as low-income and attend this school

- Longview - BCSD residents who qualify as low-income and attend this school

http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/essa-section-1117-participation-of-children-enrolled-in-private-schools.pdf

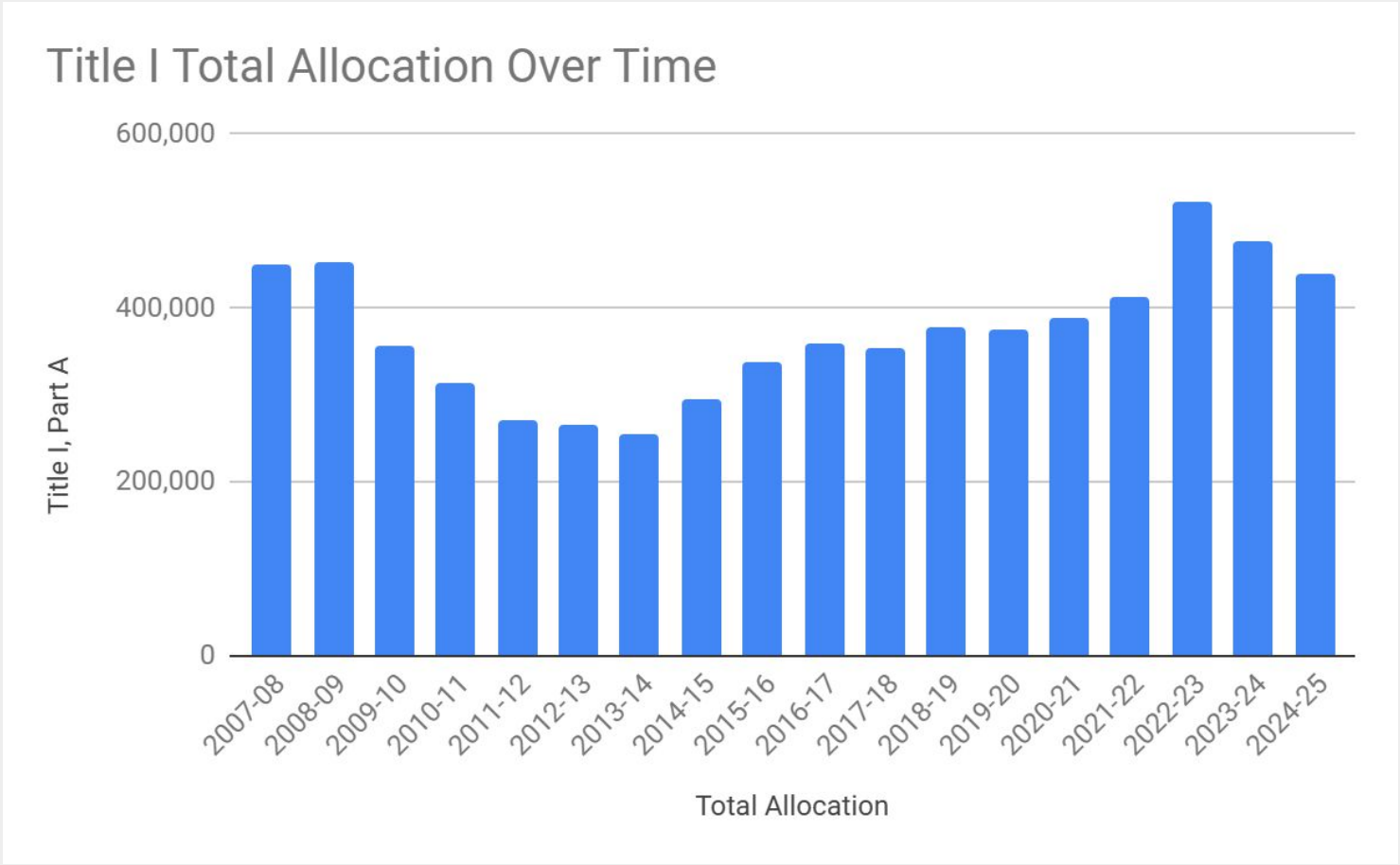
BCSD residents who attend private schools outside of the BCSD boundaries are also entitled to Title I funds

Requirements:

- Canvas K-5 private schools in which BCSD residents were attending
- For schools that respond, allocation is determined

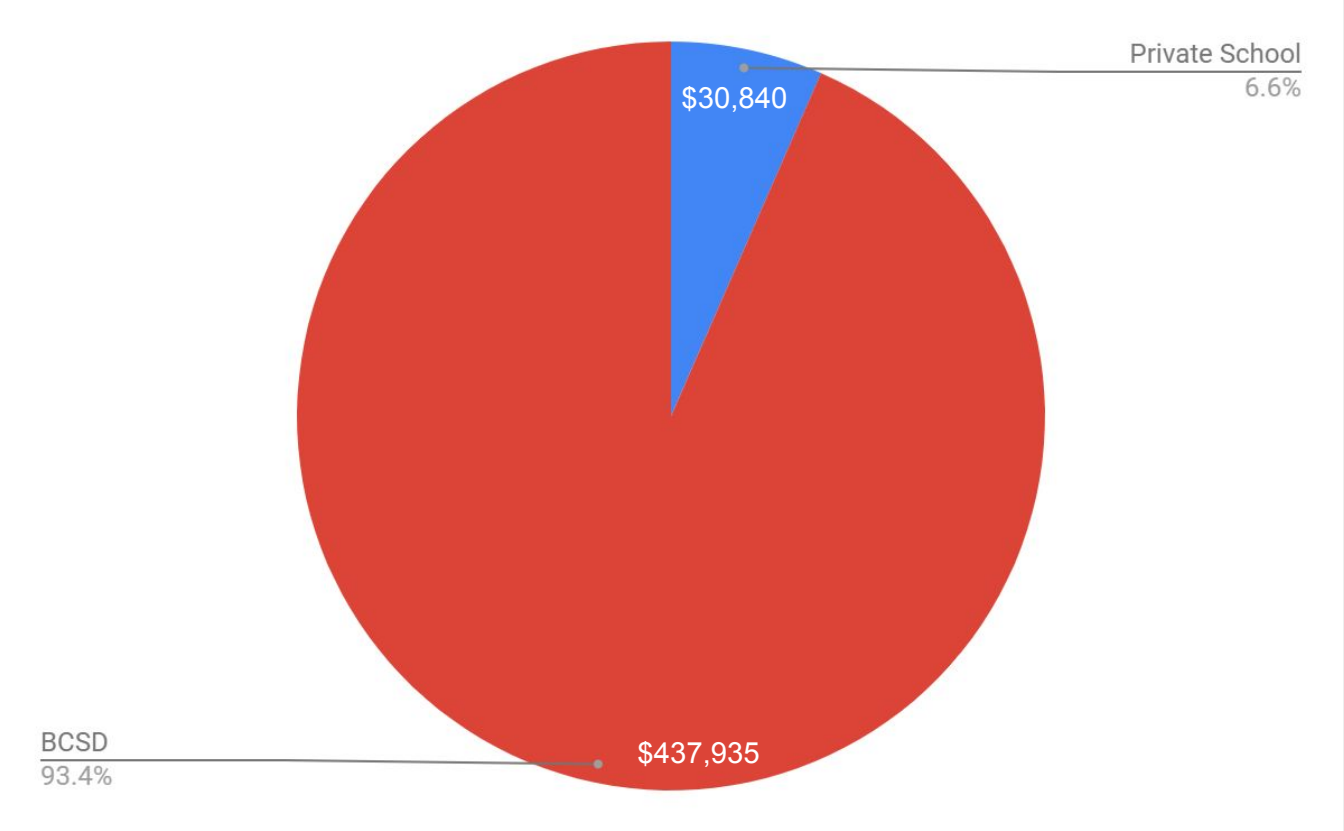
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BCSD’s Allocation as a Lead Educational Agency (LEA)

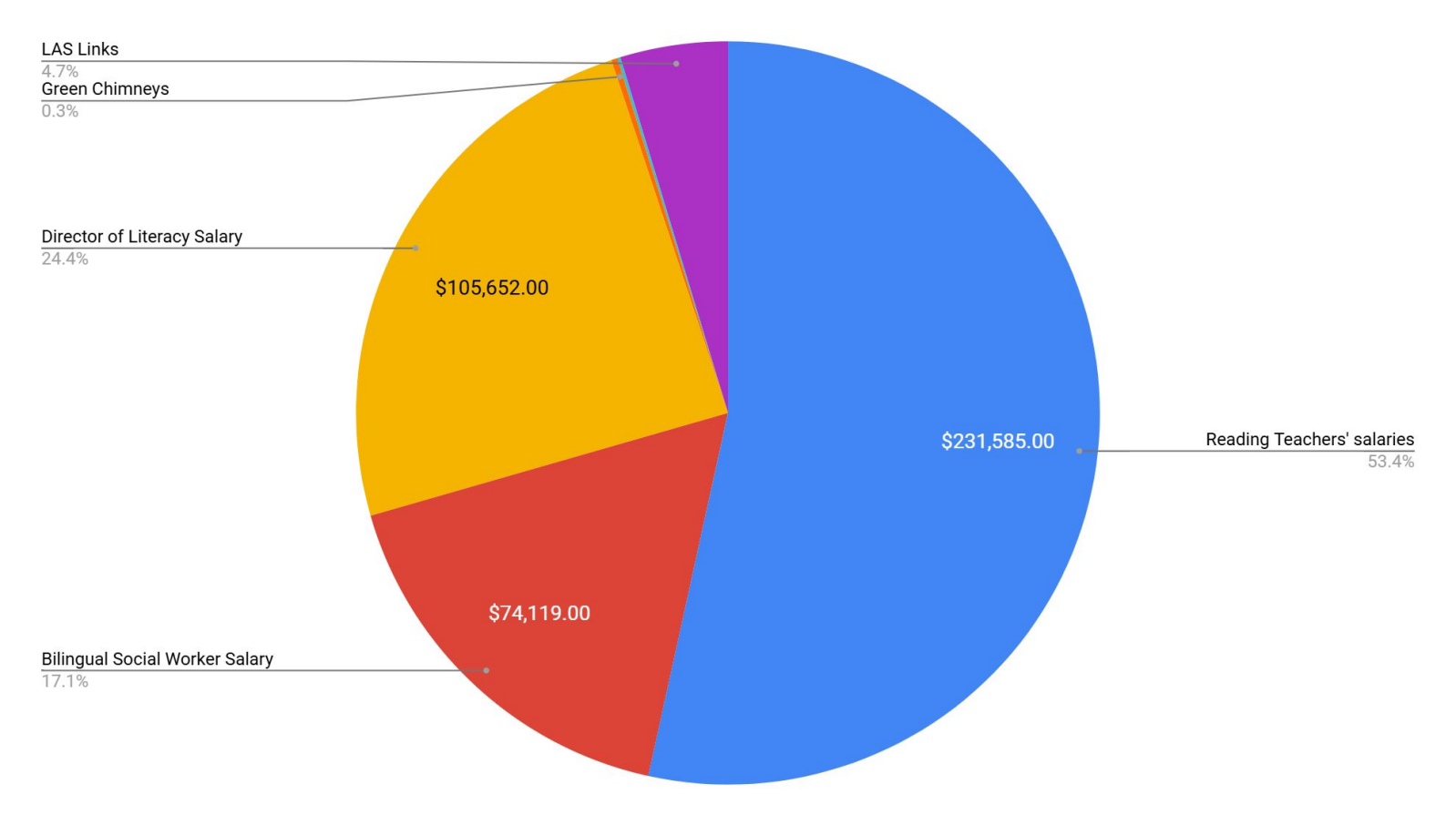

Title I Total Allocation Over Time
600,000
400,000
200,000
0
Title I, Part A
2007-08
2008-09
2009-10
2010-11
2011-12
2012-13
2013-14
2014-15
2015-16
2016-17
2017-18
2018-19
2019-20
2020-21
2021-22
2022-23
2023-24
2024-25
Total Allocation

BCSD’s Allocation
(Minus Private Schools)

What portion of our 2024-25 allocation went to private schools?



How BCSD's allocation was used in 2024-25



Discussion

- What do our students need that they are not currently getting?
- What could we do a better job of?
- Community outreach
- Support services
- Other?

Title I Input

What have we been doing?

- School-wide Title I meetings at the Open Houses
- Title I Compact
- Revised Policy - Title I Parent and Family Engagement
- Survey to all district parents

Resources

Local Policies: 5550 Title I Parent Involvement
8260 Title I Parent and Family Engagement

Grant Allocation Report

NYSED Title I Office

FAQ

District site

Letter from Title I & Community Service Representative