

Memorandum

To: Newburyport City Council
From: Superintendent Sean Gallagher
RE: Follow up to Questions from Budget Workshop
Date: June 5, 2023

What is the cost saved in tuition and transportation for students returning to the District from an outplacement?

As we discussed, the district has been investing in building specialized programs to support the needs of some students who might otherwise be outplaced. These include therapeutic and language-based programs.

The costs of outplacement tuition and transportation vary. Below are a few examples from schools where students may go for a therapeutic or language based program:

School	Annual Tuition (per student)	Annual Transportation (per student)
Landmark	\$63,000	Range from \$58,000 to \$24,000 per student Parent provided reimbursement is \$4,000
New England Academy	\$70,000	Range from \$39,000 to 13,000 per student
		Year to Date for FY23 all students is \$870,000

As you can see, an investment in-district specialized programs can result in cost savings as high as \$100,000 per student per year. In addition, the NPS strategy is to develop strong programs that will eventually allow us to enroll tuition-paying students from other districts.

What is the Whittier pilot program and how is it funded?

Collaboration between Superintendents Sean Gallagher and Maureen Lynch and the NHS and Whittier principals has led to the exploration of pilot programs for NHS students. Seniors have the option of attending courses in the evening (as we discussed at Tuesday night's meeting). In addition, we will be piloting a new 8-week exploratory program (8AM-12PM daily) for seniors next spring. After completion of this 8-week exploratory program, seniors will have the option of furthering their vocational training during the summer months at Whittier Vocational Technical School. There is no charge to Newburyport for this collaboration as it is part of the Whittier mission and funding.

The Whittier partnership is one piece of the strategic work NPS has been doing to expand student access to planning for graduation. We have invested in a College and Career Counselor, an expanded

internship program, the development of course pathways, and enhanced technologies to make sure our students are prepared for life after graduation.

What is the number of Newburyport students not included in the district enrollment (choice, charter, homeschool, private, parochial)?

Every year NPS reports to DESE on local student school attendance (for grades K-12 only). Using information from public schools reported to DESE, outreach to local private and parochial schools, and our student data, we compile as accurate a report as possible. Below are the numbers reported in January 2023.

Grade Level	Vocational Technical Regional School	Collabora- tives	Charter Schools	Out of District Public Schools	Home Schooled	In State Private or Parochial	Out of State Private or Parochial
K			14			16	
1			9	2		13	1
2			15	2	1	15	2
3			13	1	3	18	
4			14	1	2	17	1
5			13	4	1	20	
6			12	1	1	15	2
7			13	3	1	13	2
8			18	2	2	33	2
9	5				1	23	4
10	10			3	3	17	3
11	7	1		5	2	20	9
12	9	3		6	1	47	6

What are the fees for building and athletic field use? How often are the school playing fields and courts rented by outside organizations?

The facility use fee structure can be found on the district website (Home page / Community / Building Fees and Use). [Building and Fields Use Fees](#)

NPS has the following athletic facilities:

- NHS: gymnasium, stadium, Pettengill baseball field
- Nock/Molin: gymnasium, Eaton baseball field, practice field, football field
- Bresnahan: gymnasium

All of these facilities are booked to capacity. Below is a table summarizing this year's bookings.

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