



# Peekskill City School District

## Special Services Department Special Education Plan & Budget

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# Peekskill's Promise

Our Mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.



**Rigorous  
PreK-12 Aligned  
and Culturally  
Responsive  
Academics**



**Robust  
Literacy  
and STEAM  
Opportunities**



**Whole-Child  
Commitment**



**Enrichment  
Experiences  
For All**



**Powerful  
Parent, Family  
and Community  
Partnerships**

# Special Services Data

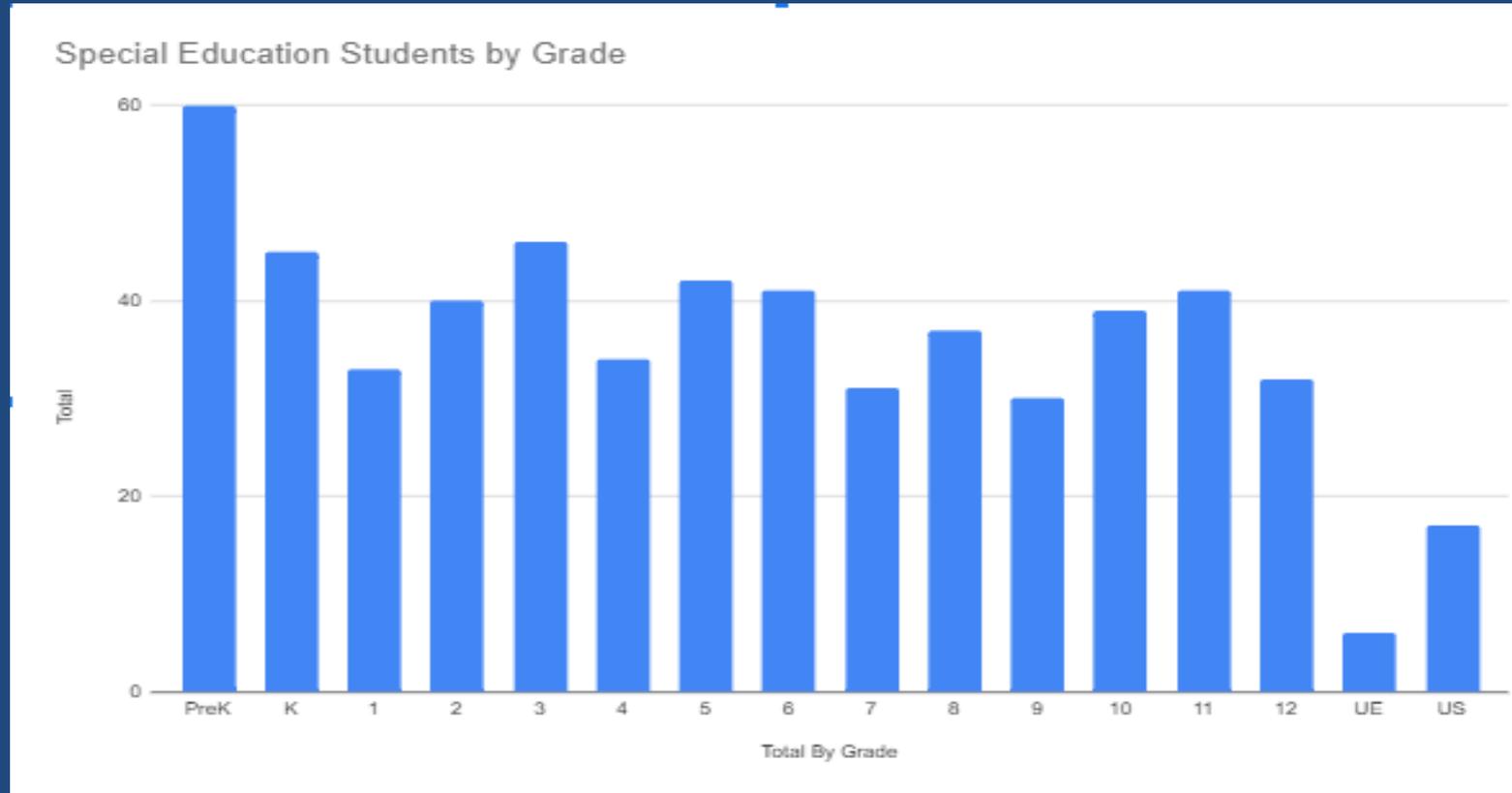
Students with Disabilities (CSE)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Current 2022-23	Projected 2023-24
Total in district students	513	491	505	514	526
Total out of district students (BOCES, Special Day, including Residential)	77	76	80	80	85
Enrollment ( <b>total number</b> of students with IEPs)	<b>590</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>611</b>

Classification Rate	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Current
Total District K - 12 Enrollment	3366	3488	3689	3748
Classification Rate	17.53%	16.26%	15.91%	15.84%

Other Special Services	Current
CPSE (Committee on Preschool Special Education)	108
504 (medical) plans	79

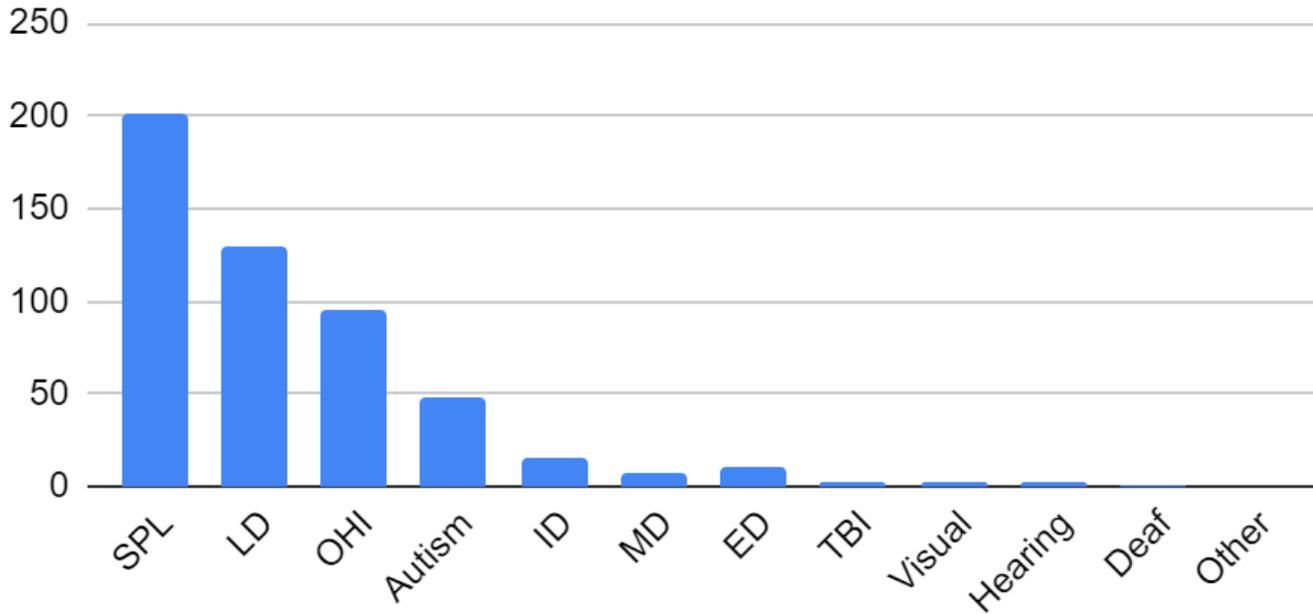
Total # of Student	Current	Projected 2023-24
CSE, CPSE, 504 total	781	798

# Special Education Students by Grade Level



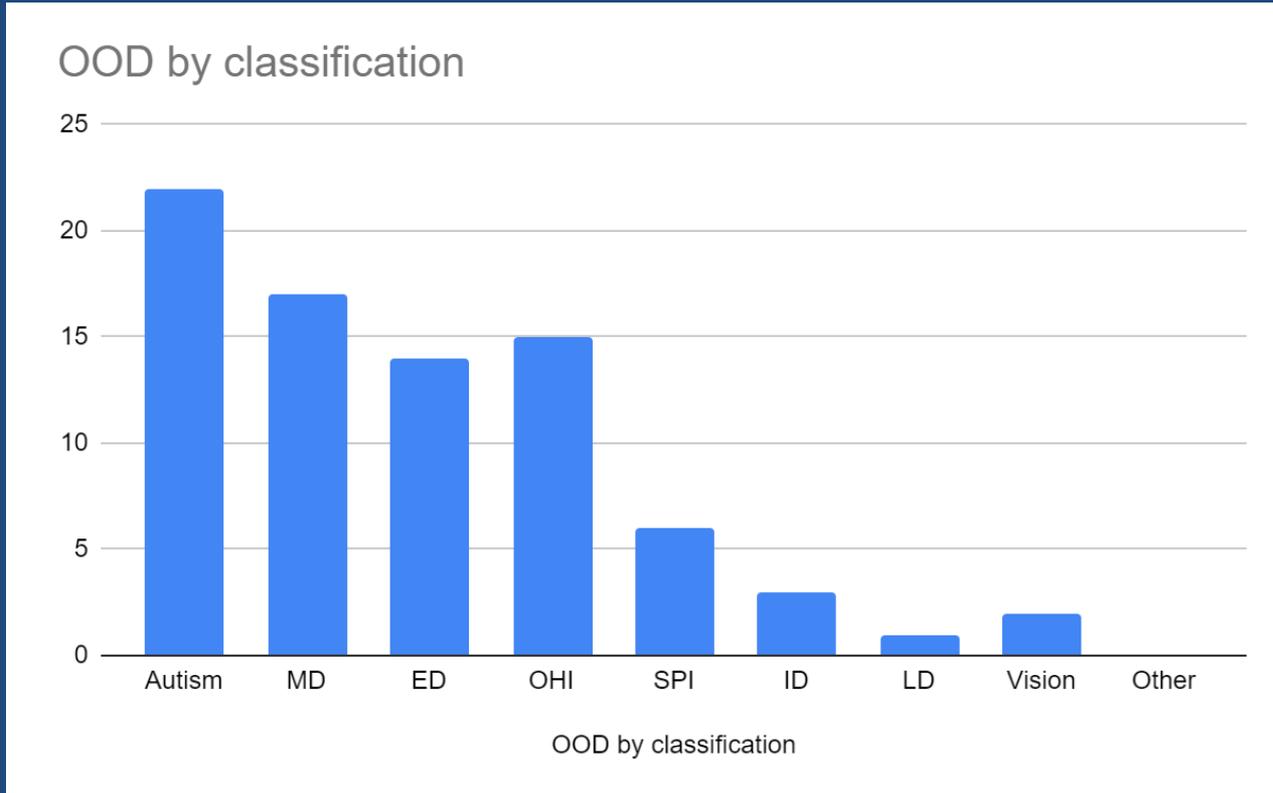
# In-District By Classification

In District By classification



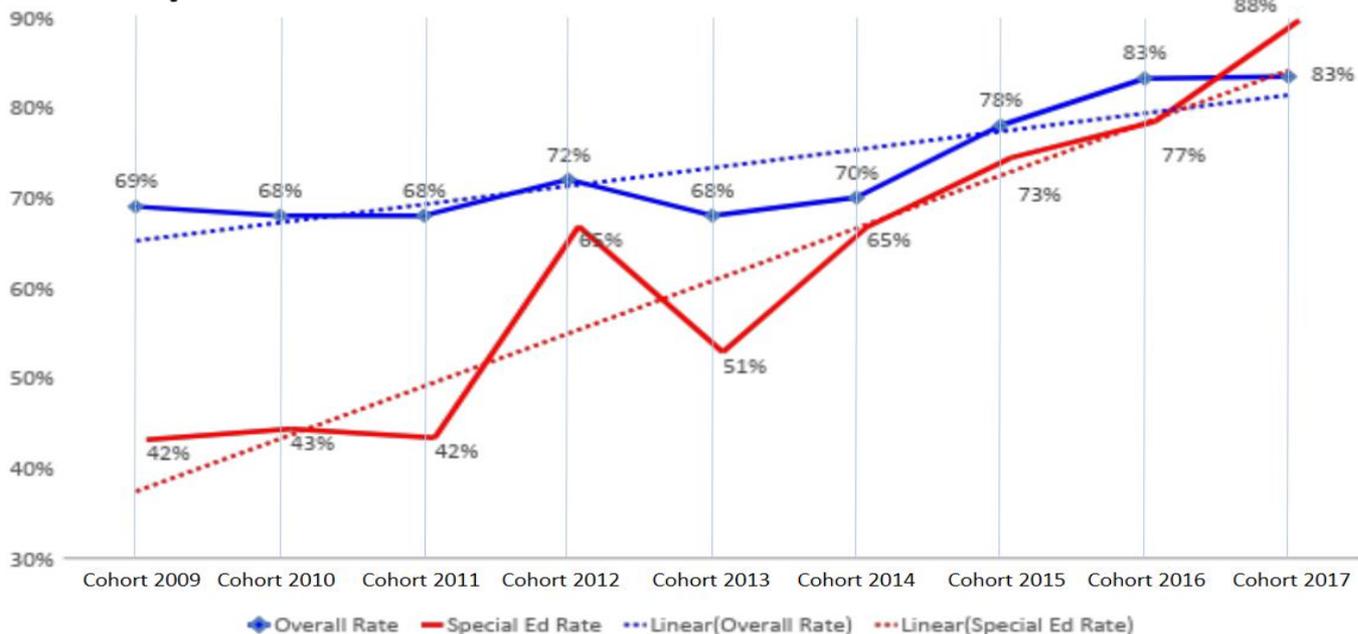
In District By classification

# Out of District By Classification



# SWD Graduation Rate

## Graduation Rate vs. Special Education Graduation Rate



# Special Education Staff

Position	Total #
Special Education Teachers	43
Teacher Assistants (TAs)	24
Teacher Aides & 1:1 Aides	41
Psychologists	9
Social Workers	7
Speech Language Therapists	8
Occupational Therapists	4
Physical Therapists	1.6
Nurses	6
TOTAL Special Services Staff	143.2

# Our Commitment to Inclusion #KeepingthePromise

Proposal for New 2023-24 Classes  
Elementary 8:1:2  
PHS RISE+



# PCSD SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTINUUM

**WOODSIDE**

ICT K-1

**OAKSIDE**

ICT 2-3

**HILLCREST**

ICT 4-5

**PKMS**

ICT 6-8 ELA / Math  
15:1 Skills

**PHS**

ICT 9-11 ELA / Math  
15:1 Skills

2017-2018

Aligned and Added Self Contained Classes

2018-19 Added ICT /  
TA Sci/SS

2018-19 Added ICT /  
TA Sci/SS

2017-18  
15:1:1  
Grade K

15:1:1  
Grade 4/5

2017-18 Added  
15:1 ELA / Math

2017-18 Added  
15:1 ELA / Math

15:1:1  
Grade 1

15:1:1  
Grade 3/4

2018-19 Added  
15:1 Sci/SS

2018-19 Added  
15:1 Sci/SS

Life Skills  
Grades 1/2

15:1:1

12:1:2  
PACE

2023-24  
8:1:2 Life Skills  
Grade K

2022-2023  
8:1:1  
Life Skills  
Grades 3-5  
New location

2019-20 Added  
8:1:1 Life Skills

15:1:1 -Life Skills

2023-24  
15:1:1 -Ages 17-21

# New Section Benefits

- NYSED Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) - Requirement for Inclusion
- Parent/Student travel time out of Peekskill
- PCSD Relationships and Family Support
- Cost Savings

# Special Education Budget

	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024 Proposed Budget	Difference	% of Increase/ Decrease
Salaries - Certified	\$6,839,600	\$7,428,127	\$588,527	8.60%
Salaries - Classified	\$1,080,843	\$1,004,042	<b>-\$76,801</b>	<b>-7.11%</b>
Equipment & Repair	\$2,700	\$22,000	\$19,300	714.80%
Other Prof Services	\$191,102	\$324,000	\$132,898	69.54%
Medicaid Reimb Costs	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	0%
Tuition - HC	\$3,378,071	\$4,852,180	\$1,474,109	43.63%
Wrkshp/ Conf/ Trvl/ Mem	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0%
BOCES	\$4,939,569	\$4,800,751	<b>-\$138,818</b>	<b>-2.81%</b>
Supplies and Materials	\$55,450	\$57,650	\$2,200	3.96%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,503,335</b>	<b>\$18,504,750</b>	<b>\$2,001,415</b>	<b>12.13%</b>

# Student Support Services

Budget Function	Budget 2022-23	Proposed Budget 2023-24	Inc/Dec \$	Inc/Dec%
A2810 Guidance Services	\$1,455,775.00	\$1,527,245.00	\$71,470.00	4.91%
A2815 Nursing Services	\$889,587.00	\$1,000,494.00	\$110,907.00	12.47%
A2820 Psychological Services	\$839,729.00	\$890,612.00	\$50,883.00	6.06%
A2825 Social Work Services	\$414,694.00	\$515,431.00	\$100,737.00	24.29%
Total	\$3,599,785.00	\$3,933,782.00	\$333,997.00	9.28%

# Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)

## 2022-2023 Grant Allocations

611 Funding	
Salaries	\$708,209
Purchased Services	\$121,671
Supplies and Materials	\$27,887
BOCES Services	\$15,130
American Rescue Funds	\$184,629

619 Funding	
Salaries	\$10,064
Purchased Services	\$25,062
Supplies and Materials	\$6,803
American Rescue Funds	\$20,561

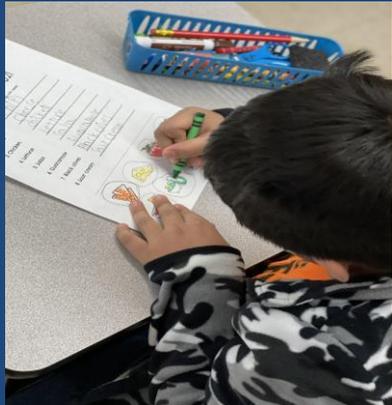
# 2023-2024 Budget Summary

- Need to support overall increase of students who receive special education services (increased district enrollment)
- Need for two in district classes in lieu of out of district placement
- Need for full time contracted nursing services for out of district students
- Need for an increase in out of district placements
- Need to continue the PKMS Tier III Reading Program



# Special Education Plan

“Quality & Improved Outcomes”



# Special Services Department

Director of Special Services

## Student Support Services (Tenet 5)

Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Structure

504 Committee  
RTI Committee

Social Emotional Learning

Whole Child Health & Wellness (Birth to 21)

Commitment 2 Character

Zones of Regulation

## Office of Special Education

Ages 3 to 21

Committee on Special Education (CSE)

Committee on PreSchool Special Education (CPSE)

*Budget, Grant Management, NY State Reporting, Part 200 Compliance, Initial Eligibility, Annual Review Process, Manifestation and Hearings, Staffing, Scheduling, Supervision, Program Development, Out of District Placement and Preschool Special Education Operations, Clinical and Crisis Team*

### IMPROVED OUTCOMES...

*IEP Development to IEP Implementation & Instruction in the Classroom*

## Special Education Curriculum & Instruction

Interim Director of Special Education for Instruction

Special Education Instructional Coach

*Reading/Academic Services (Read Well, Wilson), Unique Curriculum & NYSAA, ICT coaching  
Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) support, Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) &  
Specially Designed Instruction (SDI), Professional Development, Quality Assurance*

WOODSIDE

RISE, 15:1:1, ICT

OAKSIDE

ICT/RSO/  
RISE

HILLCREST

15:1:1,  
ICT/RSO

PKMS

RISE, 15:1,  
ICT

PHS

RISE, PACE,  
15:1, ICT

## Parent Family Community Engagement (Tenet 6)

Parent, Family & Community Liaison

Family Resource Center

SEPTO

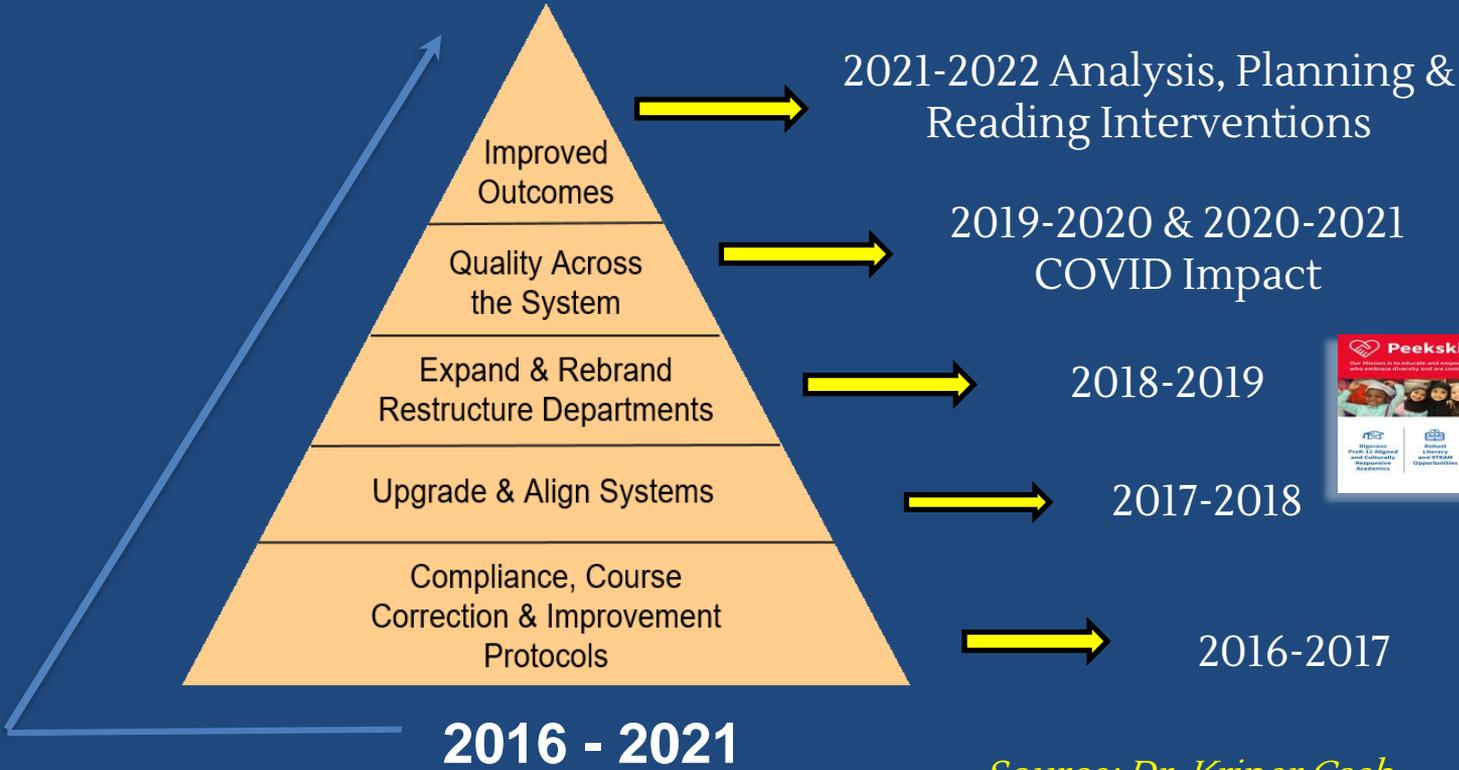
Community Schools

Onsite Community Partners

Saturday Academy



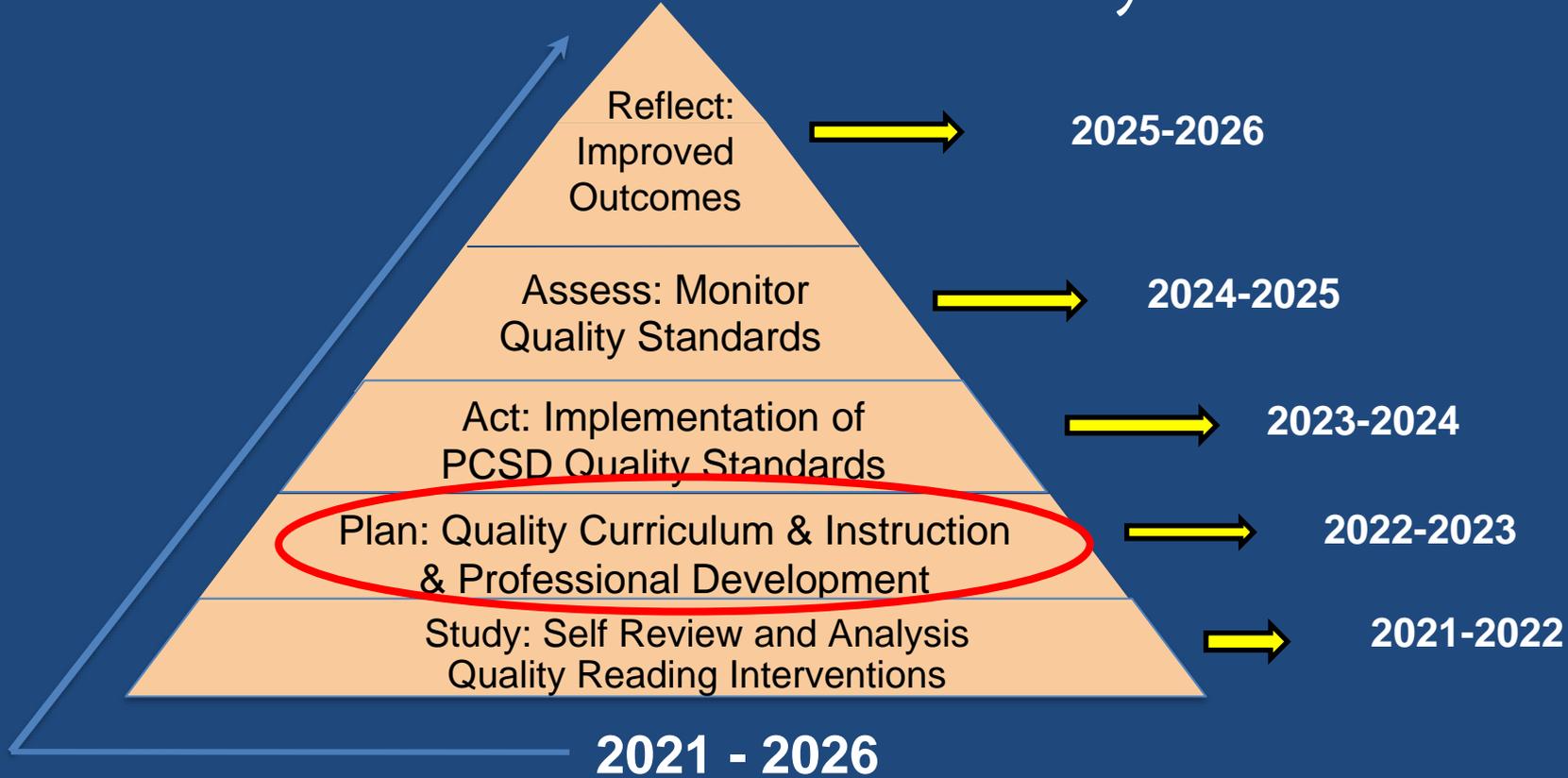
# Special Education 5 Year Plan 2016-2021



*Source: Dr. Kriner Cash  
Superintendent (Adapted)*



# Special Education 5 Year Plan 2021- Beyond



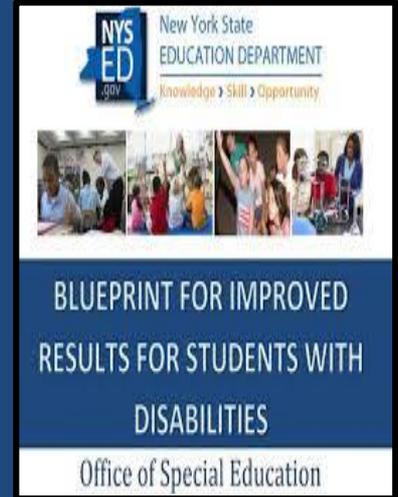
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# Special Education Plan

*“Quality & Improved Outcomes”*

## 5 Areas of Focus

1. Curriculum & Instruction
2. Post-Secondary Transition Planning
3. Enrichment & Social Opportunities
4. Social Emotional Learning & Disproportionality
5. Parent Education & Communication



*Plan developed in 2019 by  
PCSD Special Education  
Steering Committee in  
accordance with the NYS  
Guidance Document*

# 5 Areas of Focus

Curriculum and Instruction	Post Secondary Transition Planning	Enrichment & Social Opportunities	SEL & Disproportionality	Parent Education
<p>Special Education Quality Standards</p> <p>Professional Development &amp; Coaching</p> <p>Read Well &amp; Fast ForWord Program</p> <p>ESY &amp; Summer Programs</p>	<p>Family Center Sessions</p> <p>Annual Review Information</p> <p>Skills Class Post-Secondary Lessons and Readiness checklists</p>	<p>SEPTO Yoga</p> <p>Pioneers Program</p> <p>SEL Coaches</p>	<p>Zones of Regulation</p> <p>TCIS Training</p> <p>CRE Professional Development K-12</p> <p>NYSED and BOCES Regional Partnership Consultations and Workshops for MTSS and Disproportionality</p>	<p>Family Resource Center Sessions and Workshops with WIHD and other partners</p> <p>SEPTO meetings and presentations</p>

# Special Education Curriculum & Instruction



## Areas of Focus 2022-23

### 1. Planning & Preparation

- a. Common Planning Time
- b. Related Services Collaborative Model
- c. Collaboration with Special Area Teachers

### 2. Staffing

- a. Maximize use of paraprofessionals
- b. Minimize need for staff coverages

### 3. Instructional Practices

- a. Differentiation
- b. Accommodation/Modifications
- c. Physical Environment, Resources & Materials

### 4. IEP Goals & Progress Monitoring

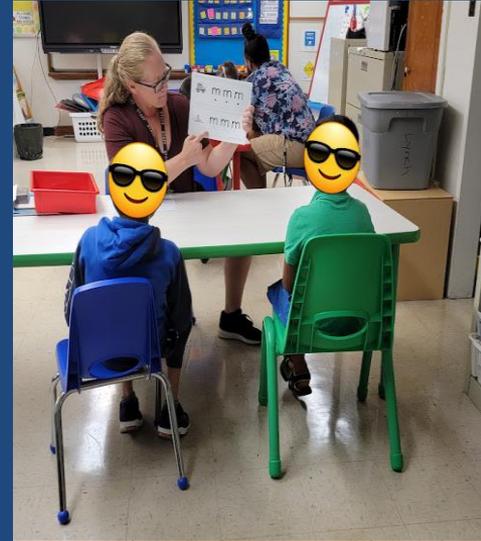
- a. Enhance data driven IEPs
- b. Increase knowledge of all staff

### 5. Professional Development

- a. ICT Coaching
- b. Instructional Programs (Fast ForWord, Readwell and others)
- c. IEP Development and Implementation
- d. SEL and Class management



# Read Well K-5 Tier III Program





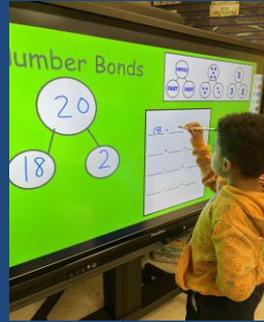
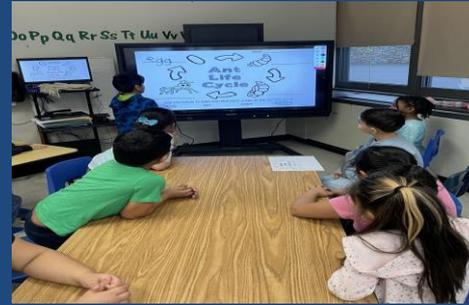
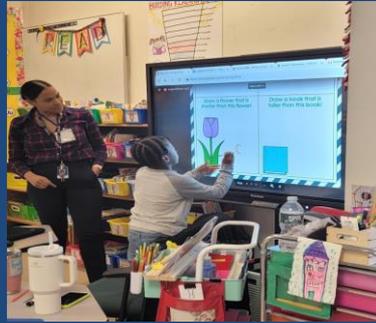
# ICT Coaching

**Parallel Teaching**

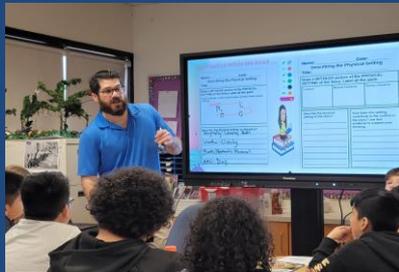
**Station Teaching**

**Team Teaching**

# SWD Instructional Coach



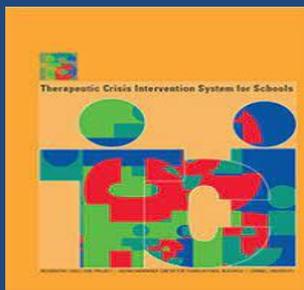
New Promethean boards in Elementary ICT Classes  
Supporting Station & Parallel Teaching



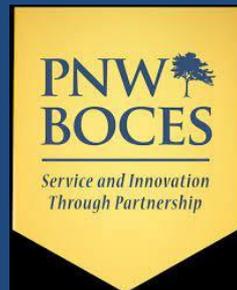
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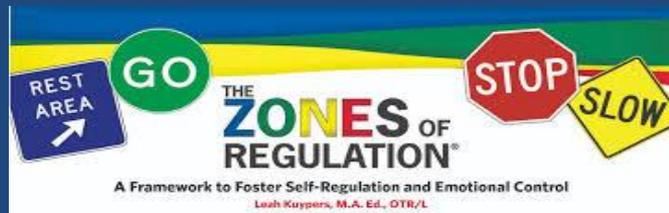
*Curriculum & Instruction  
Read Well & Fast ForWord*



*Social Emotional Learning  
(TCIS, SEPTO Yoga, Zones of Regulation  
& Disproportionality Data Work)*



*Enrichment & Social  
Opportunities  
(Pioneers & SEL Coaches)*





# Peekskill Pioneers

Come Support our  
Team

1st Home Game

March 30th PHS 4:00 PM





# Summer Highlights



Indoor Camping!



# Therapeutic Crisis Intervention in Schools (TCIS)



Hillcrest Staff Training

Train the Trainer Series  
March 2023

TCIS Refresher Training  
Spring 2023

Our TCIS Trainers

Ana Bueno, Hillcrest Social Worker  
Misha Thomas, BOCES Consultant

# Family Resource Center



PCSD New Family Orientations

PCSD Technology Boot Camp

PCSD Raising a Reader Program

PCSD Special Education Workshops

PCSD Transition Workshops and Support

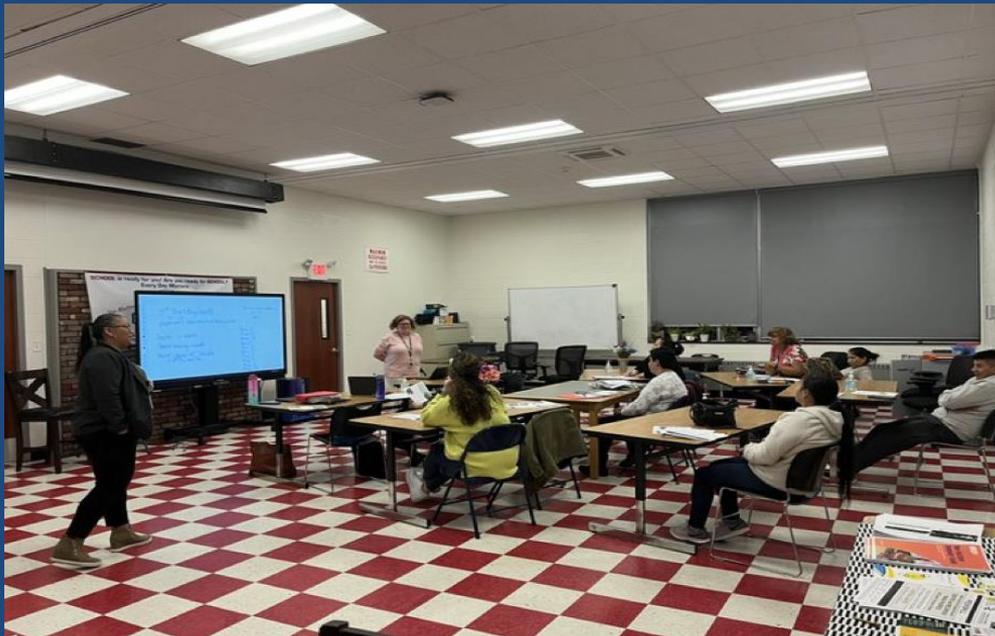
PCSD SEPTO Family Yoga Classes

My Money Matters Workshops

Nutrition Classes

BOCES Adult GED / TASC Program

# SEPTO Parent Training & Transition Services



## SEPTO Meetings

Monthly 6:30 PM

Family Resource Center

April 19th - Webinar

May 17th - Hybrid

## Parent Transition Services

Christine Buckman

Family Resource Center

Monthly sessions by appointment

## Parent Education/Training Series

District Social Workers

10 virtual sessions

March to May 2023

Tuesdays at Noon

# Saturday Academy



Arts in Education  
Returning April 2023



Thank you to our Saturday Academy Team & Partners



PCSD HR Recruitment

Join Us!  
PKMS  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
April 29th  
May 20th



Celebrating Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

# Thank You to Our Special Services Central Office Team



*#WholeChild*



Thank You