



Needham School Committee

Broadmeadow Performance Center

December 20, 2022

Executive Session 6:00 p.m.

Open Session 6:30 p.m.

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Next School Committee Meeting: January 3, 2023 6:30 p.m.

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- 6:00 p.m. Executive Session** (Exception #2 to discuss contract negotiations with nonunion personnel per MGL C30A, s.21(A) #2) and to return to open session
- 6:30 p.m. Public Comments**
- 6:35 p.m. School Committee Chair and Subcommittee Updates**
- 6:40 p.m. Superintendent's Comments**
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- 6:45 p.m. Consent Items**
1. Establish Coach Mort Shea Tennis Scholarship
 2. Accept Donations
- Discussion Items**
- 6:45 p.m. Student Presentation: Portrait of a Needham Graduate**
- 7:15 p.m. FY24 Budget Discussion: Student Support Services**
- 8:15 p.m. School Committee Comments**



Needham School Committee

December 20, 2022

Agenda Item: **Executive Session**

Background Information:

Chair Matthew Spengler will convene the meeting. On a roll call vote, the committee will vote to go into executive (Exception #2 to discuss contract negotiations with nonunion personnel per MGL C30A, s.21(A) #2 and to return to open session.



Needham School Committee

December 20, 2022

Agenda Item: **Public Comments**

Background Information:

- The School Committee Chair will offer the opportunity for the public to speak to the School Committee on issues not on the agenda.



Needham School Committee

December 20, 2022

Agenda Item: **School Committee Chair and Subcommittee Updates**

Background Information:

- The Chair and subcommittee members may offer brief updates on issues not on the agenda.

Members of the School Committee available for comment:

Matthew Spengler, Chair

Andrea Longo Carter, Vice Chair

Connie Barr

Michael Greis

Elizabeth Lee

Michael O'Brien

Alisa Skatrud

Dilin Meloni, Student Representative member of School Committee



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Agenda Item: **Superintendent's Comments**

Background Information:

Superintendent Daniel E. Gutekanst will apprise the School Committee of events, information, and matters of interest not on the agenda.



Needham School Committee

December 20, 2022

Agenda Item: **Consent Agenda**

1. Establish Coach Mort Shea Tennis Scholarship
2. Accept Donations

Chair: "Does anyone wish to remove any item from the consent agenda?"

If none removed:

"There being no objection, these items are adopted by unanimous consent."

NEEDHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Agenda Item#: _____

Date: December 20, 2022

Item Title: Establish Coach Mort Shea Tennis Scholarship

Item Description: The request is to establish the Coach Mort Shea Tennis Scholarship at Needham High School. This scholarship is to be established in memory of Coach Shea who was the Needham High School boy's tennis team coach for 25 years.

The scholarship will consist of one award, disbursed by the Braithwaite family, in the amount of \$1,000. The first award would be made in June, 2023.

Issues: M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A and School Committee policy #DFC authorize the School Committee to accept any grant of gifts or funds given for educational purposes by the federal or state government, charitable foundations, private corporations, PTCs or an individual. M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A further stipulates that any monies received and accepted by the School Committee may be expended without further appropriation.

Recommendations/Options: That the School Committee vote to establish the Coach Mort Shea Tennis Scholarship, as proposed.

School Committee: Action Item

Attachments: Scholarship Recommendation

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Gulati

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations



NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL

A CARING COMMUNITY
STRIVING FOR PERSONAL GROWTH AND
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Aaron Sicotte
Principal

To: Needham School Committee
From: Aaron Sicotte, Principal
Re: Scholarship Endorsement:
Date: December 13, 2022

After reviewing the proposed Coach Mort Shea Tennis Scholarship, I heartily endorse its creation. The scholarship provides a wonderful opportunity to recognize Needham High School varsity tennis athletes who demonstrate a financial need.

Aaron Sicotte
Principal

Scholarship/ Award Recommendation Form

Name | Coach Mort Shea Tennis Scholarship

**Origin/
Purpose** | Coach Mort Shea coached the Needham High School boys tennis team for 25 years. To honor his memory the Braithwaite family has establish this scholarship

**Award
Criteria** | Applicant must be a member of the varstity tennis team. Special consideration given for financial need.

Financial Management:

Funds Held/ Disbursed By | Family / Group

**Principal Balance
Initial Gift (if Funds
Held by Town of
Needham):**

Disbursement Conditions:

Financial Awards: **# Awards Per Year** | One
Amount Per Award | \$1000

**Award
Amount Note**

Last Update | 12/12/2022

NEEDHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Agenda Item#: _____ Date: December 20, 2022 - #2

Item Title: Approve School Department Donations

Item Description: The following donations have been made to Needham Public Schools:

	<u>Value:</u>
• Mr. Peter D. Matthews Jr. Canton, MA donation towards the NHS Dan Matthews Scholarship	\$5,000.00
• Ms. Sarah R. Pollack, Needham Heights, MA donation towards the Chloe Malast Scholarship	\$161.00
• Ms. Naomi Arbel, Needham, MA donation of unused lunch funds to the Nutritional Services Dept.	\$42.45
• Ms. Yelena Viktorov, Needham, MA donation of unused lunch funds to the Nutritional Services Dept.	\$69.00
• Ms. Jen Muroff, Needham, MA donation of unused lunch funds to the Nutritional Services Dept.	\$49.30
• Ms. Lynn Santalucia, Needham, MA donation of unused lunch funds to the Nutritional Services Dept.	\$20.65
• Ms. Christel Morley, Needham, MA donation of unused lunch funds to the Nutritional Services Dept.	\$57.70
• Ms. Janet Coppinger, Needham, MA donation of unused lunch funds to the Nutritional Services Dept.	\$10.30
• Ms. Jana Kierstead, Needham, MA donation of unused lunch funds to the Nutritional Services Dept.	\$45.40
• Mr. Peter Butler, Needham, MA donation of unused lunch funds to the Nutritional Services Dept.	\$162.65
• Mr. Jeff Griffor, Needham, MA donation of unused lunch funds to the Nutritional Services Dept.	\$34.70
• Ms. Karen McDonnell, Needham, MA donation of unused lunch funds to the Nutritional Services Dept.	\$4.50
• Ms. Karen Hwang, Needham, MA donation of unused lunch funds to the Nutritional Services Dept.	\$3.75
• Mr. Peter Stein, Needham, MA donation of unused lunch funds to the Nutritional Services Dept.	\$13.45
• Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Needham, MA donation of unused lunch funds to the Nutritional Services Dept.	\$3.40
• Mr. James Kaufmann, Needham, MA donation of unused lunch funds to the Nutritional Services Dept.	\$47.40
• Mr. Nicholas Collier, Needham, MA donation of unused lunch funds to the Nutritional Services Dept.	\$27.30

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Recommendations/Options: That the School Committee accept with gratitude the aforementioned donations.

School Committee: Consent Calendar

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Gulati

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

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	<u>Value:</u>
• Ms. Elizabeth McHugh, West Roxbury, MA donation in support of the NHS Chloe Malast Scholarship	\$50.00
• Mr. Thomas Briggs, Cambridge, MA donation in support of the NHS Chloe Malast Scholarship	\$250.00
• Ms. Nancy Franz, Needham, MA donation in support of the NHS Chloe Malast Scholarship	\$500.00
• Ms. Anne Mortara, Needham, MA donation towards students with needs in the NHS Fine and Performing Arts Department	\$25.00
• Ms. Jen Ziskin, Needham, MA donation NHS Habitat for Humanity Club	\$36.00
• Ms. Nicolina Weisenbach & Mr. Kevin Monaco, Cleveland, OH donation to NHS Robotics Club in the name of Alex Weisenbach	\$100.00
• Bake Sale Proceeds to support the NHS Bomb Squad	\$69.00
• Bake Sale Proceeds to support the NHS Science Team	\$105.00
• Bake Sale Proceeds to support the Class of 2024	75.00
• Tips from Volunteering at the Beth Shalom Antique Fair to support the National Honor Society	\$510.00
• Proceeds from Coffee sales to support the NHS Coffee Cart Club	\$138.21

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Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

Elementary Schools - Birthday Book Donations**November Donations****School Committee: 12/20/22**

Date	Name	Town	School	Donation \$	Recap #
10/28/22	Danielle Rodriquez	Needham	Newman	\$17.00	43407
11/1/22	Meredith Dunn	Needham	Newman	\$17.00	43408
11/1/22	Lalit Kumar	Needham	Sunita Williams	\$17.00	43437OL
11/1/22	John Ho	Needham	Newman	\$17.00	43437OL
11/1/22	Kate Hasssan	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$34.00	43437OL
11/2/22	Brianda Brashear	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$17.00	43441OL
11/3/22	Keegan Chen	Needham	Mitchell	\$17.00	43445OL
11/4/22	Elaine Roach	Needham	Newman	\$17.00	43409
11/7/22	Whitney Nelson	Needham	Sunita Williams	\$34.00	43456OL
11/4/22	Shaniah Desarmes	Hyde Park	Sunita Williams	\$17.00	43451OL
11/4/22	Lisa Rynne	Needham	Sunita Williams	\$34.00	43451OL
11/4/22	Stephanie Perret	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$34.00	43451OL
11/29/22	Jeremy Halpern	Needham	Newman	\$17.00	43417
11/29/22	Laurie Silva	Dorchester	Newman	\$17.00	43417
11/29/22	Katherine Haney	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$17.00	43633OL
11/29/22	Shieva Latifpour	Needham	Mitchell	\$17.00	43633OL
11/21/22	David Chiu	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$17.00	43618
11/21/22	Hannah Waarich	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$17.00	43618
11/16/22	Trevor Morrison	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$17.00	43610OL
11/11/12	Brianne Allen	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$17.00	43601OL
11/11/12	Wendy Wei	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$17.00	43601OL
11/10/22	Heidi Smith	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$34.00	43492OL
11/22/22	Lyndsey Bedor	Needham	Eliot	\$17.00	43630OL
11/29/22	Nicholas Butler	Needham	Sunita Williams	\$17.00	43645OL
11/11/22	James Kirkpatrick	Needham	Sunita Williams	\$34.00	43601OL
11/7/22	Whitney Nelson	Needham	Sunita Williams	\$34.00	43456OL
11/3/22	Tzu ChiangChen	Needham	Mitchell	\$17.00	43445OL
11/15/22	Jennifer Sanchez	Needham	Mitchell	\$34.00	43609OL
11/9/22	Shipee Sindwani	Needham	Eliot	\$17.00	43465OL
11/9/22	Maya Dreifus	Needham	Mitchell	\$17.00	43465OL
11/4/22	Eunide Desarmes	Hyde Park	Sunita Williams	\$17.00	43451OL
11/4/22	Lisa Rynne	Needham	Sunita Williams	\$34.00	43451OL
11/4/22	Stephaine Perret	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$34.00	43451OL
Total Donated by Individuals				\$731.00	

11/28/22	Mitchell PTC	Needham	Mitchell	\$1,836.00	43415
11/29/22	Broadmeadow PTC	Needham	Broadmeadow	<u>\$2,828.07</u>	43414
Total donated from the PTC Groups				\$4,664.07	
Grand Total donated in November				\$5,395.07	

Elementary Schools - Birthday Book Donations Oct 1-Oct 30, 2022
School Committee : 20-Dec-22

	Name	Town	School	Donation
10/1/22	Jamie Sranton Pomerant	Needham	Sunita Williams	\$ 34.00
10/1/22	Priya Bhushan	Needham	Newman	\$ 17.00
10/1/22	Carrie Benet	Needham	Newman	\$ 34.00
10/1/22	Aliosa Jno-Charles	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/1/22	Kimberly Forness	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/1/22	Anna Aguilera	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/1/22	Elizabeth Prasse	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 34.00
10/1/22	Rhoda Silva	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/1/22	Kelly Kostopoulos	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/1/22	Sarah Banister	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/1/22	Shani Wilkes	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 34.00
10/1/22	Erin Monson	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/1/22	Syndey Lipman	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/1/22	Michael Leeman	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 34.00
10/1/22	Shaheer Mustafa	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/1/22	Sok-Cheng Thea	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 34.00
10/1/22	Karen Barzilay	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/1/22	Kristen Morrill	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 34.00
10/1/22	Stephanie Clason	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/2/22	Amy Bulger	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/2/22	Rachal Mooney	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/2/22	Leslie Arnould	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/2/22	Courtney Olson	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/2/22	Katherine Frankel	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/3/22	Suzanne Galvin	Needham	Sunita Williams	\$ 34.00
10/3/22	Linday Cohen	Needham	Newman	\$ 34.00
10/3/22	Catherine Dittmer	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 34.00
10/3/22	Cathy Yang	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/3/22	Kate Owens	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/4/22	Laura Mathison	Needham	Mitchell	\$ 17.00
10/4/22	Alexis Murphy	Needham	Newman	\$ 17.00
10/4/22	Kari Wolfston	Needham	Newman	\$ 17.00
10/4/22	Katherine Frankel	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/4/22	Joanna Noon	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 51.00
10/4/22	Rebecca Regan	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/4/22	Alyssa Nason	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/4/22	Jessica Larochelle	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 34.00
10/4/22	Alsion Patterson	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00
10/4/22	Kathy Hayward	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$ 17.00

10/4/22	Marissa Krantz	Stoughton	Newman	\$	17.00
10/5/22	Rhea Wong	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	17.00
10/5/22	Maureen Brenner	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	34.00
10/5/22	Annie Leonard	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	17.00
10/5/22	Christopher Gaumnitz	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	34.00
10/5/22	Mariya Burke	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	34.00
10/7/22	Erica Larschan	Needham	Newman	\$	17.00
10/7/22	Kathleen Collins	Needham	Newman	\$	17.00
10/7/22	Kathleen Collins	Needham	Newman	\$	17.00
10/7/22	Yuato Lin	Waltham	Newman	\$	17.00
10/7/22	Rachel Sayko Adams	Needham	Newman	\$	34.00
10/8/22	Rebecca Shaw	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	17.00
10/8/22	Amanda Doran	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	34.00
10/8/22	Linda Chen	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	17.00
10/8/22	Laura Surdel	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	34.00
10/10/22	Benjamin Paradise	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	34.00
10/12/22	Hilary Rubin	Needham	Newman	\$	51.00
10/12/22	Mclain Kourtz	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	17.00
10/12/22	Melissa Howlan	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	34.00
10/12/22	Darragh Gallant	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	17.00
10/13/22	Aaron Lewis	Needham	Mitchell	\$	17.00
10/13/22	Allson McCarthy	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	17.00
10/17/22	Allison Holland	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	17.00
10/17/22	Emily Dill	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	34.00
10/17/22	Lisa Ann Van Der Pool	Needham	Newman	\$	34.00
10/17/22	Jennifer Lucarelli	Needham	Newman	\$	17.00
10/19/22	Owen Zhu	Needham	Mitchell	\$	17.00
10/19/22	Meaghan White	Needham	Newman	\$	17.00
10/19/22	Jamie Smith	Needham	Newman	\$	17.00
10/20/22	Kathryn Macintosh	Needham	Eliot	\$	17.00
10/20/22	Emily Lynn	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	34.00
10/20/22	Jodi Cooper	Needham	Newman	\$	17.00
10/20/22	Kimberly Greenfield	Needham	Newman	\$	17.00
10/22/22	Liesl Christie	Needham	Eliot	\$	17.00
10/21/22	Whitney Armstrong	Needham	Newman	\$	17.00
10/24/22	Stanley Yamane	Needham	Eliot	\$	34.00
10/24/22	Jacquelin Soll	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	34.00
10/25/22	Bethlehem Whitlow	Boston	Mitchell	\$	17.00
10/25/22	Elizabeth Rullo	Needham	Newman	\$	17.00
10/25/22	Lyla Buell	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	17.00
10/25/22	Lauren Blair	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	34.00
10/25/22	Torrie Potts	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	34.00
10/25/22	Kristen Newman	Andover	Newman	\$	17.00
10/25/22	Angela Hockman	Needham	Newman	\$	17.00
10/25/22	Chantel Dubois	Anderson, OI	Newman	\$	17.00

10/27/22	Kiran Kintali	Needham	Eliot	\$	17.00
10/27/22	Puneet Sarda	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	17.00
10/28/22	Alison Books	Needham	Newman	\$	17.00
10/28/22	Aimee Fucuchi Bryant	Needham	Newman	\$	17.00
10/28/22	Anthony. Burdin	Needham	Broadmeadow	\$	17.00
10/28/22	Maria Surina	Needham	Sunita Williams	\$	17.00
10/28/22	Samantha Burnham	Needham	Sunita Williams	\$	34.00
10/28/22	Caron Jacobson	Needham	Sunita Williams	\$	17.00
10/28/22	Andrea Huttlin	Needham	Sunita Williams	\$	17.00
10/29/22	Christopher Kim	Needham	Sunita Williams	\$	17.00
10/30/22	Samantha Ceppos	Needham	Eliot	\$	17.00
10/30/22	Kaitlin Sprong	Needham	Mitchell	\$	34.00

Total				\$	2,176.00
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Needham School Committee

December 20, 2022

Agenda Item: **Discussion**

Student Presentation: Portrait of a Needham Graduate

Background Information:

- Throughout the school year different schools and staff will share how one of the five attributes in the Portrait of a Needham Graduate are reflected in teaching and learning in the Needham Public Schools:

Creative Thinkers and Problem Solvers
Communicators and Collaborators
Socially and Culturally Responsive Contributors
Responsible and Resilient Individuals
Empowered Learners

- Students from High Rock School will share their experience at your meeting.

Person(s) Available for Presentation:
Jessica Downey, High Rock Principal
High Rock Students



Needham School Committee

December 20, 2022

Agenda Item: **Discussion**

FY24 Budget Discussion: Student Support Services/Mental Health Update

Background Information:

- The FY2023-2024 (FY24) budget request update will focus on student support services and mental health.
- Information on this topic will be sent prior to the meeting.

Persons Available for Presentation:

Dan Gutekanst, Superintendent of Schools
Mary Lammi, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services
Julie Muse-Fisher, Executive Director of Special Education PreK-8
Patricia Mullen, Director of Special Education, 9-12
Dan Cohen, Interim Director of Preschool



Student Support Services FY24 Budget Request

**Needham School Committee
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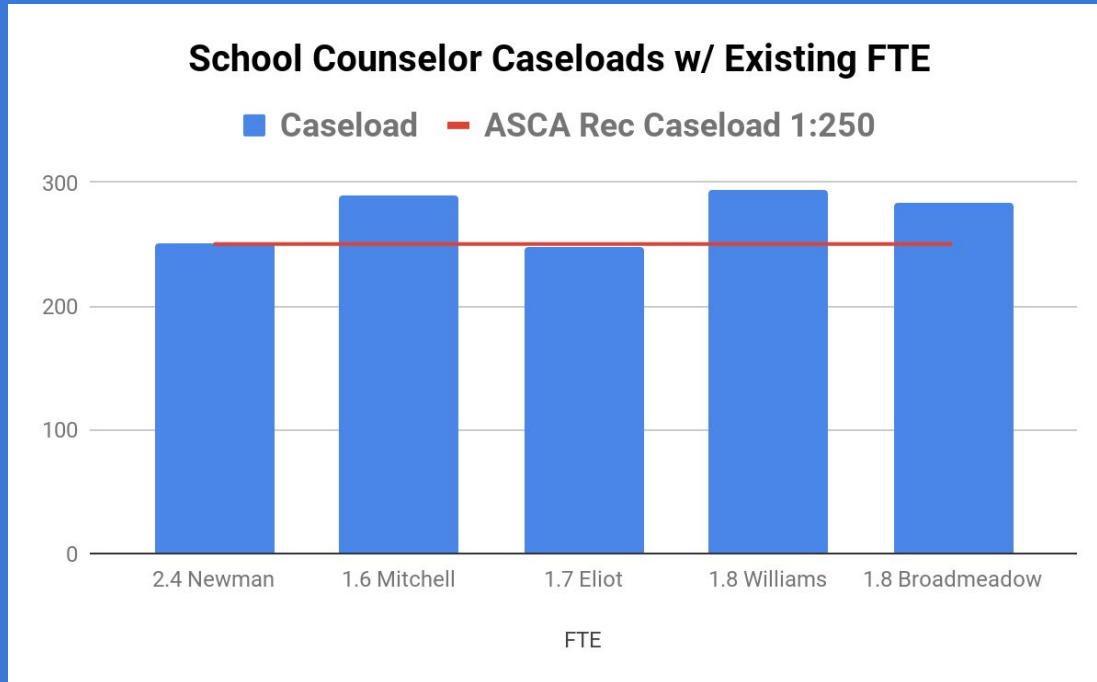
Challenging Context Driving Budgetary Needs

- ❑ Academic, health, social-emotional, and mental health needs of students have increased in the aftermath of COVID-19
- ❑ Higher levels of trauma and anxiety leading to more conflicts, less impulse control, and heightened behavioral issues
- ❑ Limited access to services beyond the schools
- ❑ Homeless student population has increased from 9 to 24 since 2020; many are refugees requiring English Language Education & counseling services
- ❑ Increased number of English Learners with complex needs including homelessness, refugee status, and dual diagnosis of EL and disability
- ❑ Increased special education enrollment & referrals at all levels
- ❑ Staffing shortages

Needham Youth and Family Services Reports Significantly Higher Needs

- Youth are presenting with significant mental health needs: suicidal ideation, some have made attempts, eating disorders at a much younger age, severe anxiety and depression, and substance misuse.
- 37 youth on NYFS waitlist for mental health services
- Increased casemanagement to connect families with resources
- Interface Referral Services
 - Referring an average of 10 families per month
- MetroWest Care Connection (new referral service)
 - System is overwhelmed by current needs
- Many mental health providers are only seeing clients virtually or are not in the immediate area
- Waitlists for clinical services are long and families are waiting months
- Families are resorting to emergency services for screening and evaluations because of the lack of services and high risk for harm

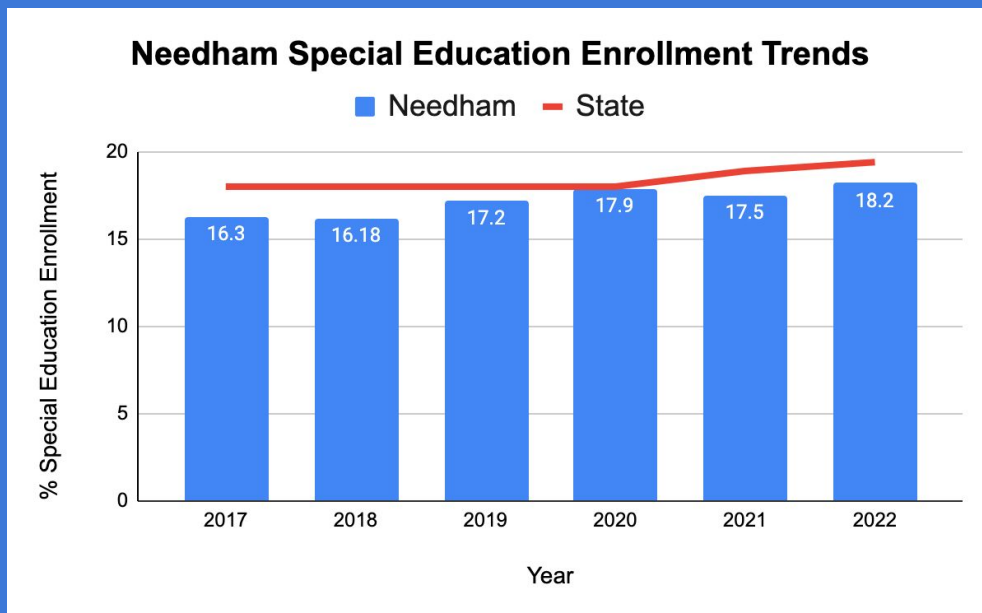
School Counselors supporting more students and higher acuity of needs



Role of School Counselors

- Whole Class Lessons
- Small Group Lessons
- Individual and small group intervention
- Behavioral Support
- Family Support & Outreach
- Community Outreach
- 504 Plans
- Special Education IEPs

Increased special education enrollment & referrals



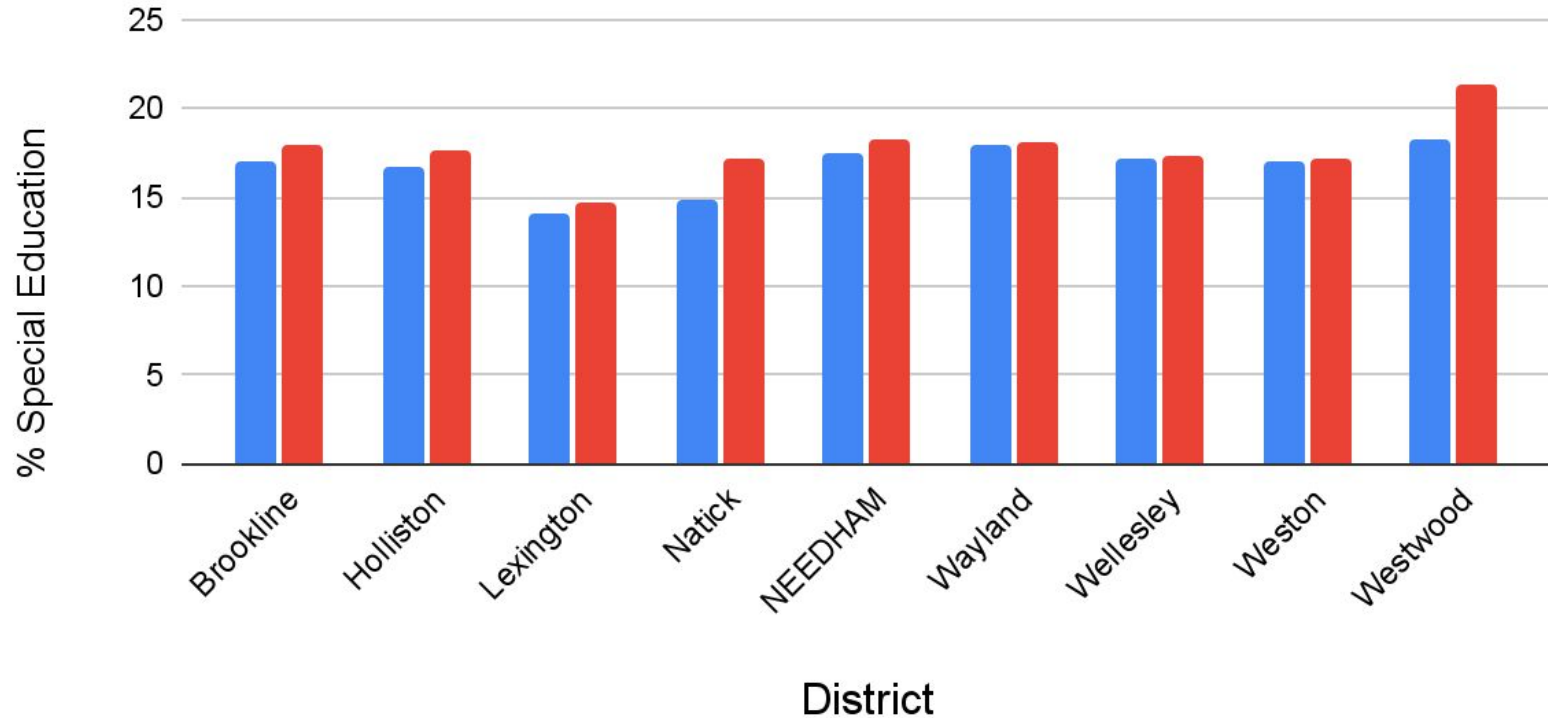
Special Education Enrollment has increased similar to other districts

31 students with IEPs moved into Needham this school year

80 referrals since August 2022

% of Special Education: District Comparison

2021 2022



Preschool

- Needham Preschool
 - 8 Half Day Integrated Classrooms
 - 2 Substantially Separate Classrooms
 - 1 Intensive Learning Classroom (ILC)
 - Related Services Only (“Walk-ins”)
 - Screening & Evaluation



Preschool 2022-2023 Enrollment

Integrated Classroom Special Education Students

- 64 Tuition/Typical Peers
- 56 Special Education Slots
- 50 Students Enrolled (6 Openings Remain)
- 22 Active Referrals

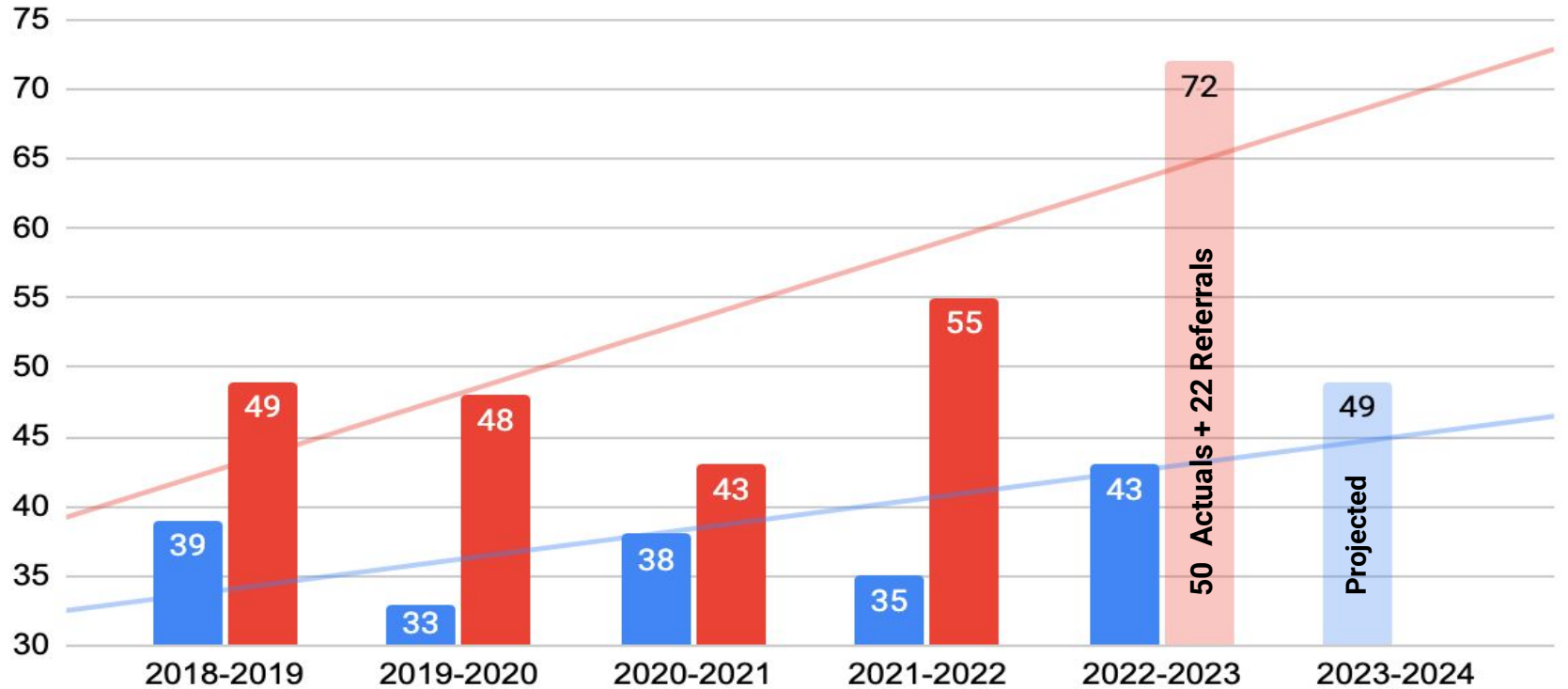
Intensive Learning Center (ILC) Students

- 8 Current Students
- 2 Incoming Students
- 3 Students Currently Not Attending (Family Decision)
- 3 Referrals Pending



Preschool Special Education Enrollment

■ September ■ June



Budget Requests Address Preschool

- New Integrated Classroom (enrollment)
 - 1.0 Special Education Liaison
 - 1.6 Teaching Assistants
 - .4 Speech Pathologist
- .6 Psychologist (evaluation and behavioral support)
- 1.0 Intensive Learning Center (ILC) Program Specialist
- 1.6 Teaching Assistants (enrollment)

K-8 Special Education Overview

Inclusion Services

Various service delivery models at all levels

- Consultation Services
- Direct Service
- Skills Centers

District Wide Specialized Programs

- Connections
- Intensive Learning Center
- Language Based Programming
- Insight/Bridges (Middle School)

Related Services



Increased Needs: Specialized Programs

Intensive Learning Center (ILC)

- 6 Classrooms (4 Elementary, 1 Middle, 1 High School)
- 44 students in the program (+ **8 students** in program this year over last year)
- Students in the ILC require a high level of staffing, often 1:1 or 2:1

Connections

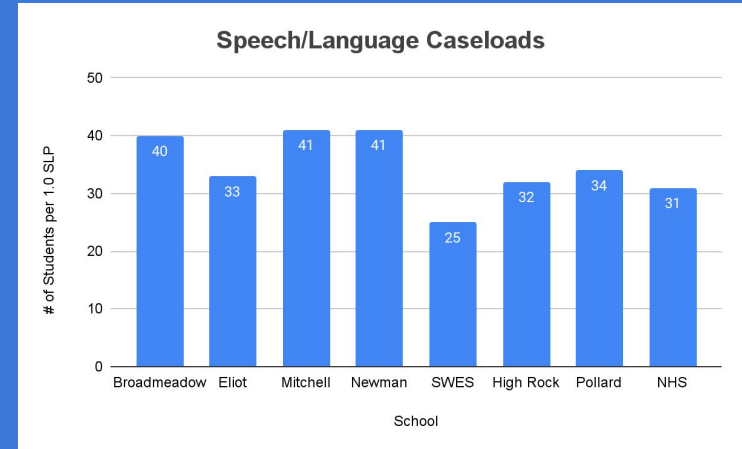
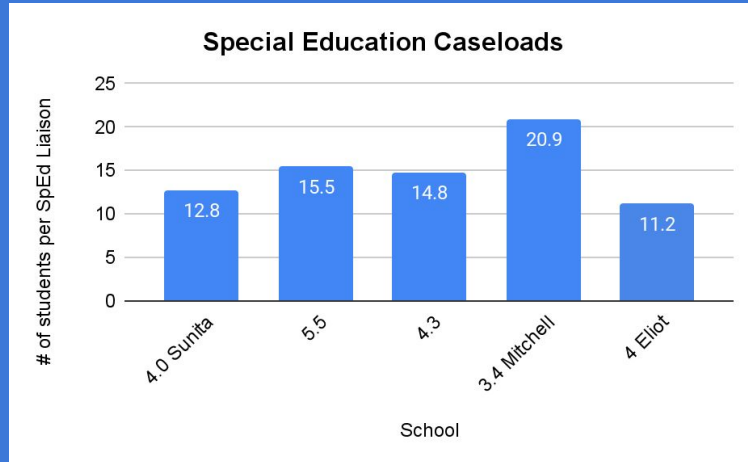
- 3 Classrooms (1 Elementary, 1 Middle, 1 High School)
- 51 students in the program across the District



Increased Caseloads & Staffing Needs

Special Education Liaisons, Related Service Providers, and BCBA's are needed to address increased special education enrollment & acuity of need

Staffing Agencies to address unfilled positions or unanticipated service needs



Budget Requests Address K-8 Special Education

Specialized Programs

- 1.0 SLP Assistant (MES, POL, ILC)
- .3 BCBA Newman (ILC)
- .2 SLP Newman (ILC)
- .09 Physical Therapist (ILC)
- 1.0 SpEd Liaison (POL ILC)
- 2.0 Teaching Assistants (POL ILC)
- 1.0 Program Specialist Connections

Inclusion

- 1.0 SpEd Liaison Mitchell
- .5 Counselor SWES, Eliot
- .2 COTA

Budget Requests Address High School Special Education

Post Graduate Program

9 students

- .5 SpEd Liaison
- TA Salary Reallocation offset

Inclusion Services

- .8 SpEd Liaison
- TA Salary Reallocation offset

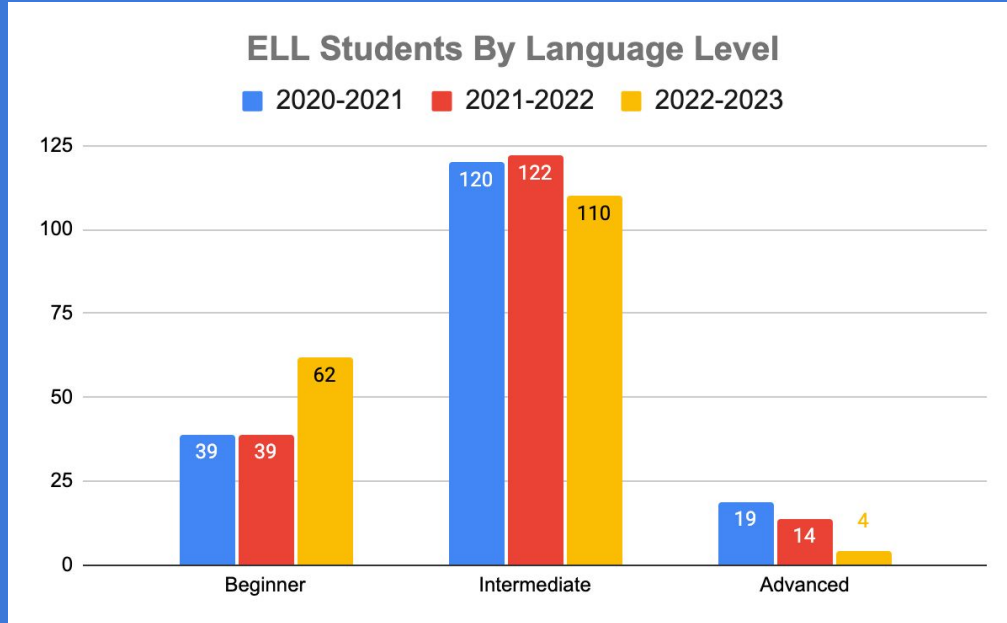
Psychological Evaluations

Meet evaluation demands at NHS, OOD, and private school placements

- .2 School Psychologist



English Language Education (ELE/ELL)



High School Beginners up from 2 to 9

Many more students entering at beginner language level requiring higher level of EL services

17 refugee students fleeing war or unsafe living conditions

26 Dual Diagnosed ELL and SpEd Students

20 ELL are homeless, most doubled up with relatives or family friends

20 ELL and Low Economic Status

Budget Requests Address English Language Learner Needs

- .3 ELL High School Teacher
- 1.0 ELL Teaching Assistant





Questions



Needham School Committee

December 20, 2022

Agenda Item: **School Committee Comments**

Background Information:

- Members of the School Committee will have an opportunity to report on events, information, and matters of interest not on the agenda.

Members of the School Committee available for comment:

Matthew Spengler, Chair

Andrea Longo Carter, Vice Chair

Connie Barr

Michael Greis

Elizabeth Lee

Michael O'Brien

Alisa Skatrud

Dilin Meloni, Student Representative member of School Committee
