

Raymond School District - School Board Meeting - July 11, 2018

At the request of the Board this initiative, which has not integrated into the FY 19 budget, is being reviewed and reconsidered. The remainder of this document constitutes what was proposed in the fall of 2017 when the FY 19 budget for the Raymond School District was developed.

Raymond School District Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Process Special Initiative

YEES (Youth Educational Employment Service) Case Worker/Bob Bickford, Principal/Iber Holmes Gove Middle School/November, 2017

Problem	Proposed Solution	Advantages	Proposed Cost	Other Relevant or Mitigating Factors
<p>We have a number of high risk students at the middle school. Students who have significant academic, social, behavioral, and/or truancy issues. On average there were 27 failing grades per quarter last year with 4 students required to attend summer school and 2 being retained as a result of failing more than 2 courses for the year. Eighty two (82) students had 10 or more unexcused absences and 21 students had 10 or more discipline referrals per year. If these students do not receive significant individual support they are statistically more likely to engage in risky behavior and have a higher probability of not completing high school.</p>	<p>Obtain the services of a full time YEES (Youth Educational Employment Service) case worker that can focus 100% of their work on those students who have been identified by the school's Student Intervention Team (SIT) as those in the greatest need of support. YEES is a New Hampshire state certified adolescent therapeutic care program and a Medicaid provider. Unlike other offerings in the state, YEES provides services to both student and families providing consistent resources and interventions that assures students meet their behavioral and academic goals per their IEP as needed They also can provide around-the-clock services including home visits and student transportation. The assistance of a YEES caseworker can help reduce the suspension/ expulsion rates: A key indicator monitored by the DOE for special education compliance (Indicator 4)</p>	<p>The YEES caseworker is assigned to our most challenging students who are at the greatest risk of becoming dropouts and/or not graduating with their classmates. The YEES caseload is determined by our Student Intervention Team (SIT) based on collected data related to academic success, behavior and/or truancy. The goal of the YEES caseworker is to significantly improve the student's productive participation and attendance in school. As the YEES caseworker is a contracted service to the district and they are not a school district employee, they have much greater flexibility in working with the students and their families. They are able to go to the home and bring the student to school, as well as to other appointments that have a positive impact on the student's productivity at school. Evidence of their efficacy can be seen by the work being completed at RHS in terms of improved climate and culture and the significant reduction in the suspension rate. In addition YESS had a very limited exposure at IHGMS few years ago their efforts helped the district save the cost of one out of district placement</p>	<p>According to the Special Education Director, the contract for our YEES case manager is \$62,000 per school year. The spec ed director is suggesting that we place 30% of that in the general education portion of the MS budget (\$18,600.00) The remaining 70% (\$43,400.00) be added into the special education contracted services budget (as part of this initiative).</p>	<p>SY 17-18 is a pilot year for YEES at IGHMS . At no cost to our District, a YEES case worker is supporting students and families at IHGMS. We have already seen significant improvement of our most high risk students spending more time in the classrooms and engaged in their learning. The YEES caseworker can provide in school and out of school suspension resources. Their services can significantly decrease the likelihood of out of district special education placements (on average one out of district placement is \$65,000). YEES is a program that has data proven success throughout NH in both student outcome and financial saving to school districts</p>

