#### **Pupil Services Department Updates**

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#### **Current/Historical Numbers**

OVERALL		FCEC							FCHS								
(incl. speech only)	Enroll	к	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2 Outplacement	Total	%
2018–19	996	8	10	9	14	10	11	21	23	19	13	19	16	17	<mark>'</mark> 18	3 208	<b>3</b> 20.88%
2019–20	989	20	9	15	12	9	7	11	12	18	15	13	19	16	<mark>)</mark> 21	197	19.92%
2020–21	892	12	11	11	15	12	8	6	12	12	22	15	13	19	11	179	20.07%
2021–22	903	10	13	12	11	16	12	8	13	13	18	18	14	13	21	192	21.26%
2022–23	921	10	17	16	12	9	22	15	13	14	21	20	21	10	) 17	200	21.72%
2023–24	940	24	10	13	23	15	10	23	17	14	11	16	16	24	17	216	<b>5</b> 22.98%
2023–24 Move-ins		0	1	1	6	1	0	2	5	4	1	1	0	1	2	2 23	

Notes: 23 move-ins this year with IEP's or qualified after enrollment. State average for Special Education in 22–23 SY: 19.3%



#### % of Cohort/Speech Only

% of COHORT		к	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
2023–24	940	24	10	13	23	15	10	23	17	14	11	16	16	24	216
ENROLLMENT		81	57	64	59	67	64	87	69	72	69	66	94	91	940
% of COHORT		29.63%	17.54%	20.31%	38.98%	22.39%	15.63%	26.44%	24.64%	19.44%	15.94%	24.24%	17.02%	26.37%	22.98%
SPEECH ONLY		14	2	4	7	1	2	3	1	3	0	0	0	1	38
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ONLY		12.35%	14.04%	14.06%	27.12%	20.90%	12.50%	22.99%	23.19%	15.28%	15.94%	24.24%	17.02%	25.27%	18.94%



#### Referrals (non-speech only)

	2022-23	2023-24
Total Referrals Complete	61	61
Reevaluations	31	22
Gifted	3	16
Initial Evaluations	27	23
Early Intervention	3	3



#### Referrals 2022-23

	FCEC	FCHS	TOTAL	%
Special Education Exits		1	1	
Gifted Qualifications	0	0	0	0.00%
Gifted Non-Qualifications	3	0	3	100.00%
Parent-Initiated Referrals	6	9	15	
Parent-Initiated Qualifications	2	5	7	46.67%
District-Initiated Referrals	11	0	11	
District-Initiated Qualifications	11	0	11	100.00%



#### Referrals 2023-24

	FCEC	FCHS	TOTAL	%
Special Education Exits	0	1	1	
Gifted Qualifications	2	0	2	<b>12.50%</b>
Gifted Non-Qualifications	14	0	14	87.50%
Parent-Initiated Referrals	9	0	9	
Parent-Initiated Qualifications	3	0	3	33.33%
District-Initiated Referrals	12	2	14	
District-Initiated Qualifications	12	2	14	100.00%



#### **MTSS Framework**

- MTSS Framework at FCEC & FCHS helps keep number of students in Special Education lower than regional averages.
- Speech numbers continue to be high at youngest ages (including early intervention) due to masking during COVID.



### **Outplacement/Fiscal Information**

- FC's costs of special education have been at or below the rate of inflation.
  - FC has not qualified for Act 1 exception for Special Education.
- Outplacement costs range from \$30,000-60,000+ per student (plus transportation)
- The District expects to graduate at least 2 outplaced students this year.
- 1 outplaced student is expected to graduate in 2025.
- 4 new students have been outplaced during the 2023-24 school year (2 moved in as previously outplaced, 2 were an IEP team decision). 2 Students (of the 4 mentioned) have moved out of the District.
- 0 Early Intervention students show a need to be outplaced for 2024–25.



#### Academic Achievement-PVAAS

MATH	4	5	6	7	8	Keystone Algebra
Cohort	-2.2	-1.9	4.7	-6.5	-3.7	-6.2
IEP	0.6	-3	1.4	N/A	N/A	-10.7
ELA	4	5	6	7	8	Keystone Literature
Cohort	-3.9	-2.6	-0.8	5.9	4.8	1.9
IEP	2.2	2.5	3.5	N/A	N/A	-11.7
SCIENCE	4	8	Keystone Biology			
Cohort	47.3	-24.7	0.14			
IEP	36.7	N/A	-0.2			



#### **Elementary Life Skills Program**

- New for 23–24
- Started with 4 students (now 5)
- Partnered with Watson Institute (consultation agreement)



### **Cyclical Monitoring**

- Special Education
  - January 2024 (in person)
- Federal Programs
  - March 2024 (virtual)



### **Cyclical Monitoring**

- Special Education
  - Well-organized, no findings in paperwork!
  - Corrective Action needed:
    - Assessment Participation (submitted plan in 2022– 23 SY, which will address this)
    - Least Restrictive Environment (found in every monitoring since 2001)



#### **Future Direction-Least Restrictive Environment**

2022-23	Itinerant	Supplemental	Full Time	2023-24	ltinerant	Supplemental	Full Time
FCEC	71.76%	28.24%	0.00%	FCEC	72.40%	27.60%	0.00%
FCHS	29.20%	66.37%	4.42%	FCHS	62.70%	30.00%	7.30%
OUTPLACED	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	OUTPLACED	0.00%	0.00%	100%
TOTAL	<mark>43.32%</mark>	<mark>45.62%</mark>	<mark>11.06%</mark>	TOTAL	<mark>61.97%</mark>	<mark>26.92%</mark>	<mark>11.11%</mark>
PA AVERAGE	<mark>61.80%</mark>	<mark>28.10%</mark>	<mark>9.90%</mark>	PA AVERAGE	<mark>61.60%</mark>	<mark>28.30%</mark>	<mark>10.00%</mark>



#### Future Direction–Least Restrictive Environment (Increase Co-Teaching)

- 2022–23: Started Co-teaching in Math at FCEC
- 2023–24: Expanded Co-teaching in Math at FCEC.
- 2024–25: Expand Math Co-Teaching to FCHS 7th grade
  - Plans to expand yearly thereafter.
  - Partnering w/ ARC of PA to provide training and coaching for co-teaching.
- 2025 and beyond: Look at restructuring staffing at FCHS to better support students in push-in and pull-out settings, based on need.



#### **Future Direction-Gifted Services & Acceleration**

- New acceleration guidelines for course acceleration
  - Reviewed by administration and teachers
  - Comprehensive approach
  - Allows parental input into process
  - Allows unilateral downphase for students not making progress.

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# Future Direction–New Gifted Screening Dashboard

- Piloting in grades 4–6
  - Embedded into yearly February grade level meetings
  - Review of all comprehensive data.
  - Offer screening to qualified students.



### **Federal Programs**

- Just north of \$200,000 in funding this year (approx. the same as last year). We anticipate a <u>decrease</u> next year, based on current Federal allocations in the budget (not because of drop in Free/Reduced).
- Title I
  - Funds reading/math specialists at FCEC
  - Nonpublic school services (currently 4 students are fund generators)
- Title II
  - Funds Math professional development
  - Funds part of Kindergarten teacher for class size reduction
- Title IV
  - Transferred to Title I to help pay for specialists.



### **Federal Programs Monitoring**

- Completed in March 2024
- Waiting on findings



#### **Pupil Services Questions?**



# **Technology Department**

Pete Speakman



#### **Student & Teacher Devices**

#### - Teacher Devices

90 new touchscreen laptops to be deployed this spring

#### **Student Devices**

- Approximately 945 1:1 Chromebooks, plus loaner fleet
- STEAM/Art/EC iPad carts & A/V Mac lab



### Network Equipment Upgrades

- Upgrades are planned for the majority of the district's network equipment
- Most cabling installed decades ago when district was first wired for internet
- Wireless access points and switches need replaced and are several years past end of life
- Old equipment is preventing network management and security features from being implemented



### Network Equipment Upgrades

- Increasing number of access points by 50 devices to expanded coverage in all classrooms for online testing
  - PSAT/SAT online testing this year
  - PSSA/Keystone must be online by 2025-2026 school year
  - Decreasing the number of switches by 33% and consolidating 14 data locations down to five main closets
    - Problem solving will be more efficient with fewer failure points
    - Increases climate control ability while decreasing cost



### Infrastructure Upgrades

#### HS to EC Building Fiber Connection

- Hickory Telephone Co.
- Installed April 1-4, 2024
- Paid for by Washington County Community Foundation Grant

#### - District Cabling Project

- Advent Communication Systems
- Scheduled for June-July 2024
- Replacing all cables (most over two decades old and of varying types)
- Increases access/capacity/reliability



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### Infrastructure Upgrades

- VoIP Phone Upgrades

- Full Service Network
- Installation planned for July 2024
- Saves nearly \$70,000 over the course of five-year agreement
- Safety/Security upgrades (911 notifications, caller ID in all rooms)
- Network Equipment Upgrades
  - CCL Technologies
  - Tentatively planned for July/August
  - Pending E-Rate funding approval to proceed with purchases



#### **Device Rotation/Purchases**

#### - New Devices

- 145 new Chromebooks for 3rd & 8th Grade
- 10-15 additional tablets for K-2, based on enrollment estimates
- ESSER funding is available for these purchases
- 2024-2025 Technology Budget
  - Still need to include new devices in the 2024-2025 budget
  - Using this flipped model will allow us to order new devices each spring for the following school year and avoid product delays that we experienced this past year



### **Student Device Repairs**

- The shift to 1:1 take-home devices has caused an unprecedented increase in device repairs and a strain on all K-12 tech departments
- Utilizing an intern has allowed the Fort Cherry Technology Department to keep up with repairs and return devices back to students quickly
- Student assistance from Tech Rangers has been helpful, but does not replace the need for a dedicated repair technician

Assistance available from the IU for device repairs, as needed

### **Student Device Repairs**

- As of April 4th, there have been 410 repair incidents created this school year...on pace for well over 500 total
- 338 repair incidents were created last year; increase from year to year due to the aging Chromebook fleet
- No data available prior to 22-23 (before asset system implemented)
- Estimating an average of 20 minutes for each repair, that equals over a month dedicated exclusively to repair time



#### **Student Device Repairs**

- Cases have been very helpful in preventing damage and keeping devices in the hands of students
- Overall, the new Chromebooks with cases account for 35% of deployed devices but account for less than 7% of all repairs...



### New 2-in-1 Chromebook Repairs

- 10% (15) of the new Lenovo 2-in-1 Chromebooks have been sent in for repair so far
- Most repairs have been due to hinge issues, but screen damage has been minimal due to cases and Gorilla Glass
  - These Chromebooks account for 15% of student devices that are deployed, but less than 4% of total repairs



#### New Chromebook Tablet Repairs

- Only 6% (13) of the new Acer Chromebook Tablets have been sent in for repair so far, with most being due to product defects and not student damage
  - The tablets account for roughly 20% of deployed student devices, but only 3% of all repairs



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### Part Availability & Repair Turnaround

- Part supply shortages have caused a slower turnaround time for Lenovo repairs on the new Chromebooks
- Acer has offered very quick turnaround times for warranty repairs and have been very responsive with their support



#### Help Desk Tickets

- Taking over the help desk system was an additional responsibility, saving the district \$30,000 per year
- Has allowed for more direct contact with teachers, immediate response times and quicker resolutions
- 355 tickets completed to date since August 1, not including calls/texts/emails/office visits



#### Help Desk Tickets

- 122 (34.4%) completed within the same day
- 190 (53.5%) completed within one day
- 224 (63.1%) completed within two days
- 53 (14.9%) required more than ten days (often when vendor assistance is necessary or parts need to be ordered)



### **Future Project: Climate Control**

- Safeguard equipment and prolong lifespan
- Air conditioning units
  - Currently one unit installed in HS MDF
  - Need two additional units installed in HS
  - Need two units installed in Elementary
  - **Environmental sensors** 
    - Can identify potential issues, even when off-site
    - Flooding, moisture, excessive heat



#### **Future Project: Security Cameras**

- Cameras are aging and need to be replaced
  - Many can no longer be updated or easily repaired
  - Image quality lacking compared to newer cameras
  - New security features only available with new cameras
- Camera locations
  - Over 100 cameras installed across campus
  - Additional cameras installed on district busses
- Grants or other funding available?



# **Questions**?

