



FY 2021 Recommended Budget

Budget Question

Board Question #: 49

BUDGET QUESTION: What is the total # of new special needs students to be served in the FY 2021 budget?

RESPONDING DEPARTMENT/OFFICE: Schools

RESPONSE: Based on our December 1st Child Count data collection for State and Federal reporting in Special Education, SCPS is currently serving 294 more students in 2019-2020 than we served in 2018-2019 for students eligible for Special Education and Related Services. The increase from the 2018 December 1st Child Count to the December 1st 2019 Child Count is an increase of 9.3%. In previous years, SCPS averaged an increase of 3% from year to year. Given the significant increase experienced in 2019-2020, SCPS is planning and projecting programmatic needs and Special Education staffing to serve 3,557 students for FY21, which projects an increase of 3% above December 2019 or 103 more students with disabilities.

ESTIMATE OF STAFF TIME SPENT ON RESPONSE: