

NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

**New Milford Public Schools
50 East Street
New Milford, Connecticut 06776**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING NOTICE**

DATE:	April 24, 2018
TIME:	6:30 P.M.
PLACE:	Sarah Noble Intermediate School – Library Media Center

BOARD WORKSHOP AGENDA

New Milford Public Schools Mission Statement

The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family, and community, is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
2. **PRESENTATION**
 - A. Special Education Update
3. **ADJOURN**

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Updates in Special Education & Pupil Personnel April 2018



Year to Year Comparison Sp Ed K-12 In-District Demographics

	2017-2018 (current)	2018-2019 (projected)
HPS	39	35
NES	51	47
SNIS	132	126
SMS	157	143
NMHS	153	185
Total	532	536

HPS

	2017-2018 (current)	2018-2019 (projected)
K	11	15
Gr. 1	9	11
Gr. 2	19	9
Total	39 (+ 3 referrals)	35

NES

	2017-2018 (current)	2018-2019 (projected)
K	16	17
Gr. 1	14	16
Gr. 2	21	14
Total	51 (+ 5 referrals)	47

SNIS

	2017-2018 (current)	2018-2019 (projected)
Gr. 3	39	40
Gr. 4	47	39
Gr. 5	46	47
Total	132 (+23 referrals)	126

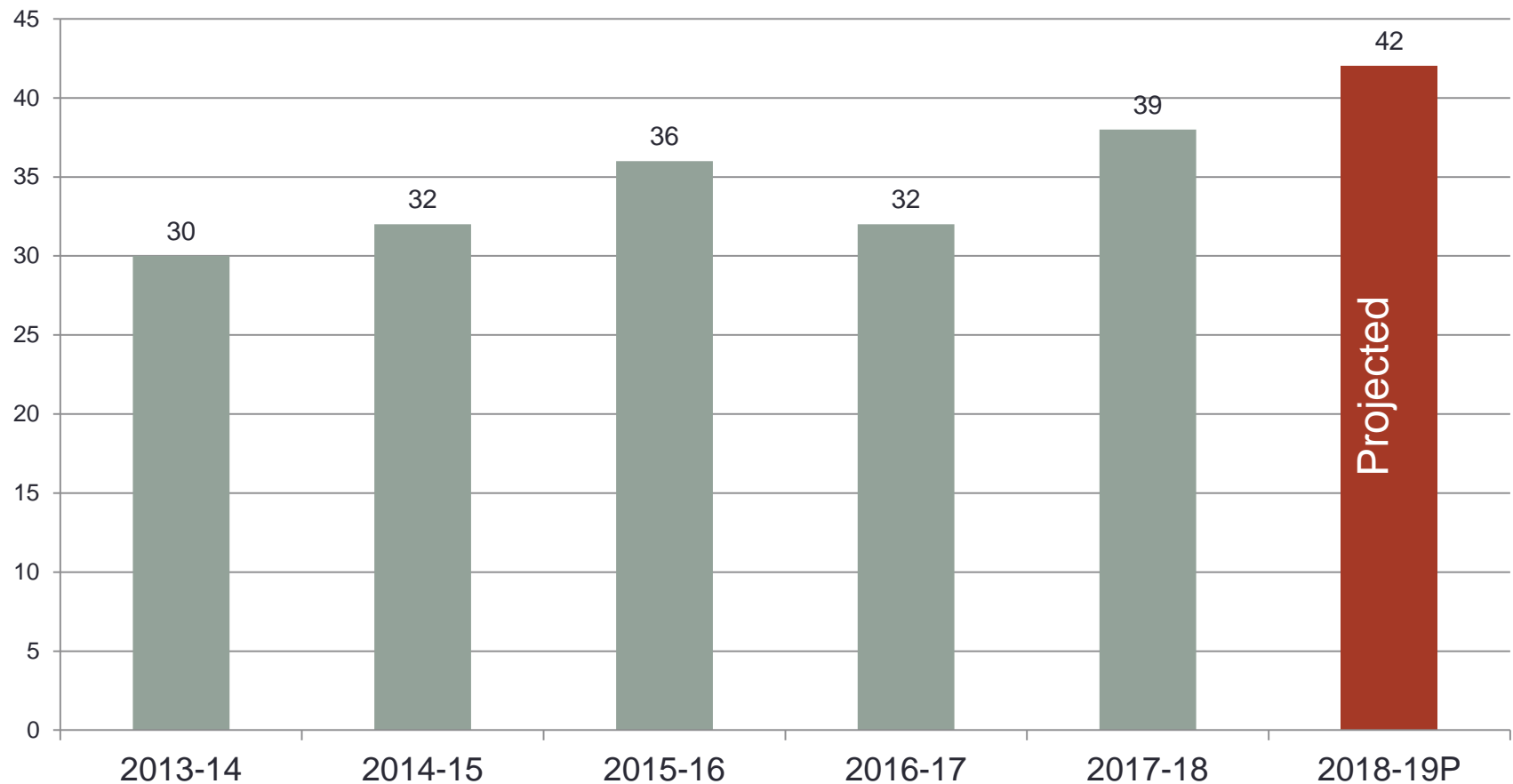
SMS

	2017-2018 (current)	2018-2019 (projected)
Gr. 6	53	46
Gr. 7	44	53
Gr. 8	60	44
Total	146 (+ 8 referrals)	143

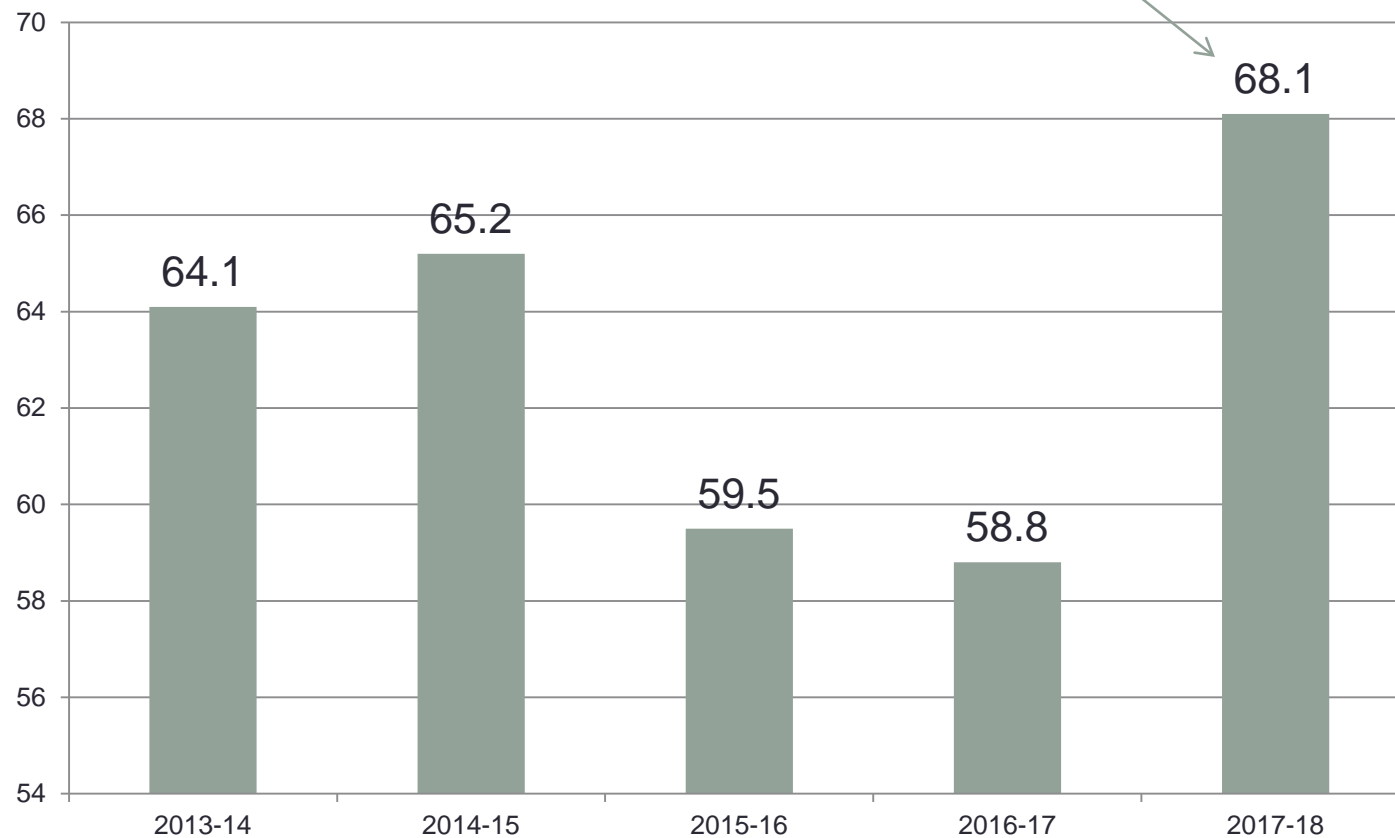
NMHS

	2017-2018 (current)	2018-2019 (projected)
Gr. 9	45	60
Gr. 10	47	45
Gr. 11	33	47
Gr. 12	28	33
Total	153 (+3 referrals)	185

End of Year Actuals for ODP Private and Public Tuition Lines



% of Time with Non-Disabled Peers
State Target: 68%
79-100% TWNP



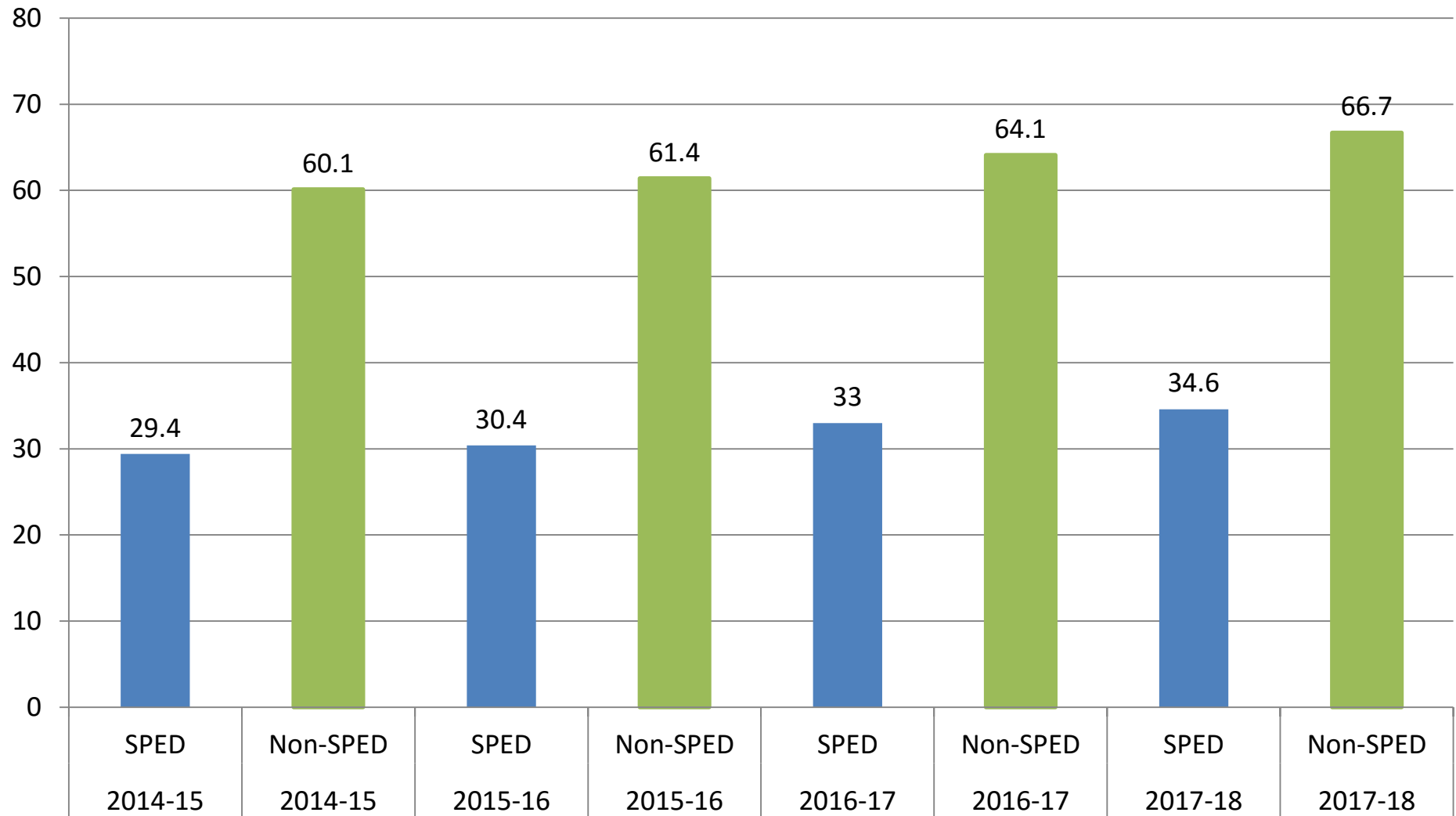
Increased Support For Mental Health Needs

- Increase of 2 Social Workers since 2015-16
- “Effective School Solutions” @ NMHS – “ESS”
- “Parents As Partners” Parent workshops throughout the year which address mental health and learning issues
- Mental Health Forum: Trends in Drug Use, Anxiety, Gender Issues, Grief Counseling, Cyber issues
- Members of NOVA Regional Crisis Team
- Substance Abuse Counselor at SMS and NMHS
- Full-time Behaviorist (BCBA)

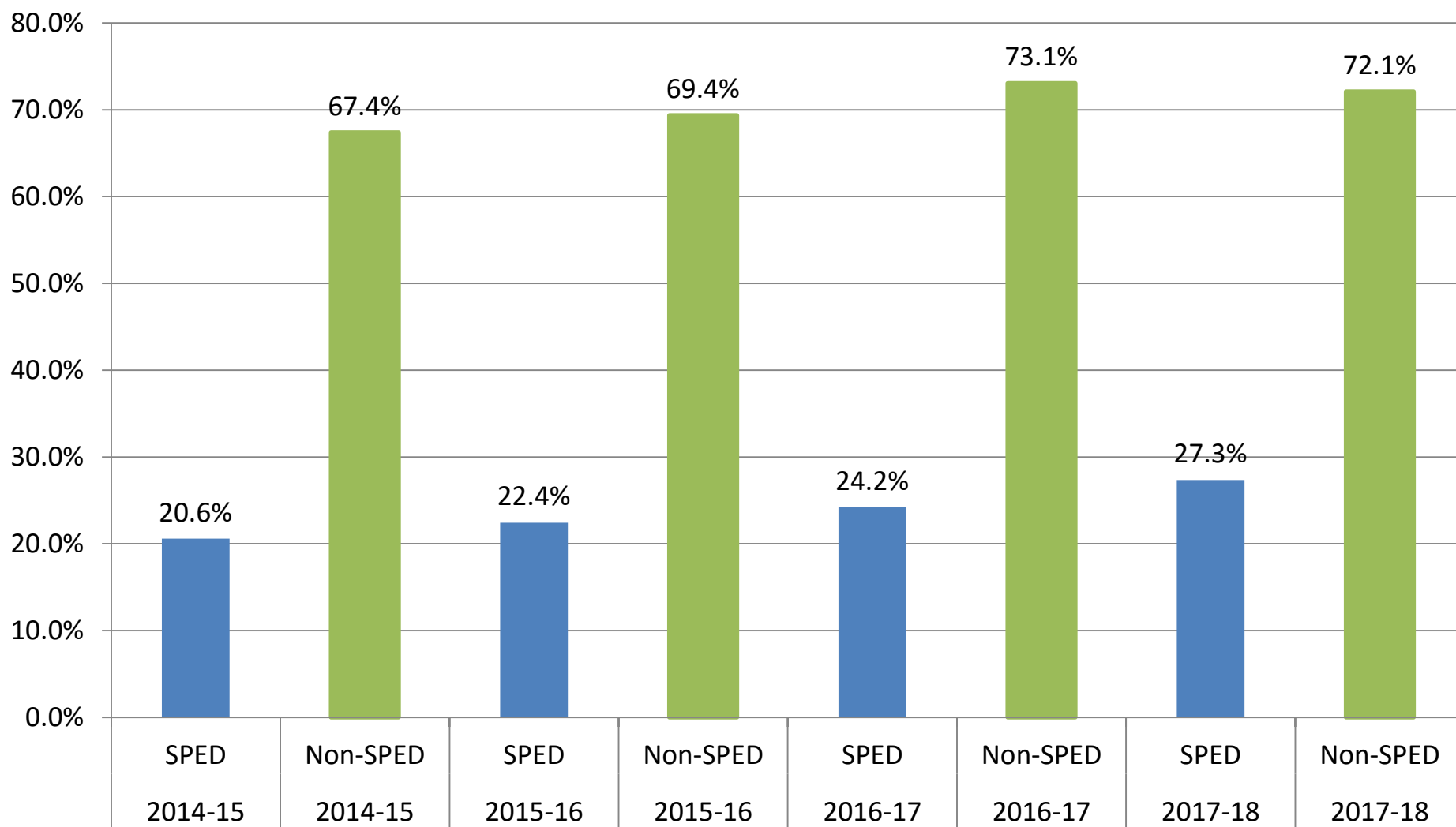
Student Performance

- NWEA Testing Results
- Kindergarten – Grade 8
- Fall, Winter, Spring
- Goal: to continue to improve student performance and close the learning gap for students with disabilities

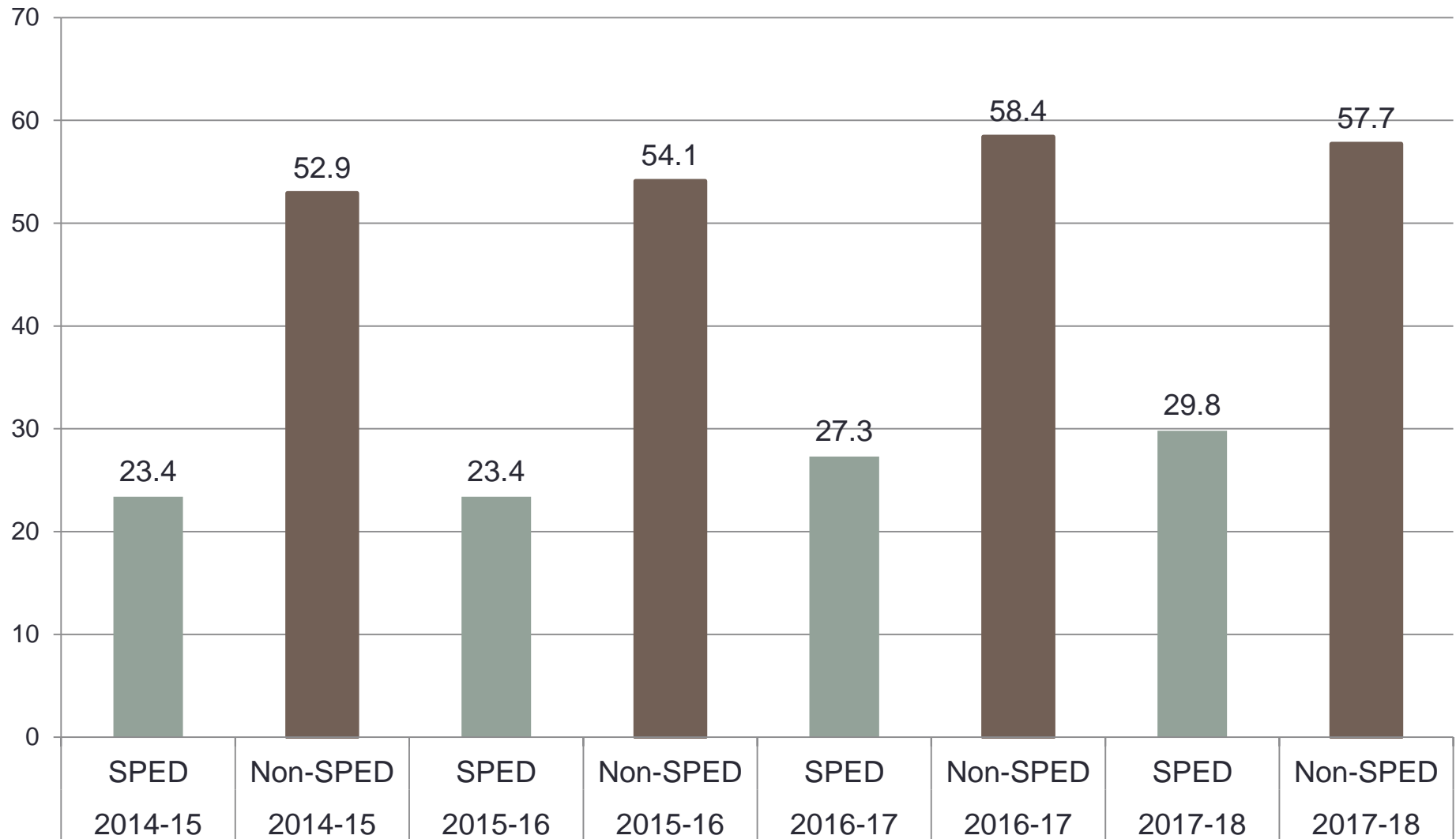
Average Percentiles by Year and Classification: Reading



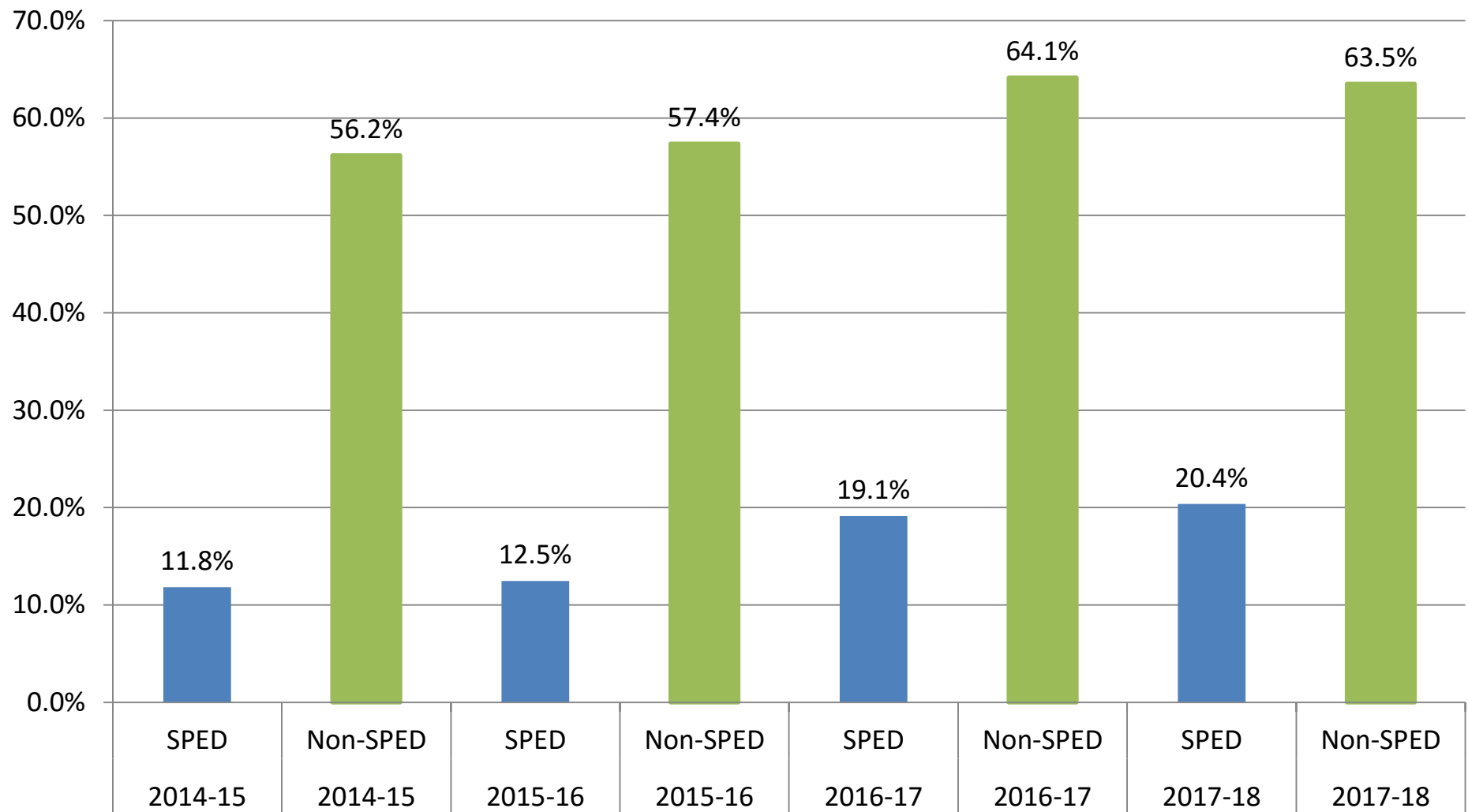
Percentage of Students Above the 50th Percentile by Year and Classification: Reading



Average Percentiles by Year and Classification: Math



Percentage of Students Above the 50th Percentile by Year and Classification: Math



IDEA Grant 2018-2020

- Two Entitlement Grants Under IDEA
- 611: ages 3-21 \$871,110.
- 619: ages 3-5 \$34,315.
- Nonpublic funding for Faith Prep and Canterbury School
- Goals
 1. High quality preschool education for all students
 2. High academic achievement of all students in reading, writing, mathematics and science; and
 3. High school reform

IDEA Grant Section 611 Part B

Administrator/Supervisor
Staffing
In Service
Mental Health & Occupational Therapy
Parent Activities
Web Based IEP Direct
Literacy Training
Travel
Assistive Technology
TOTAL \$871,110.

IDEA Section 619 Part B Preschool

Staffing
In Service
Pupil Services
Parent Activities
Assistive Technology
TOTAL \$34,315.

Cost Savings & Cost Avoidance

- ESS Program at NMHS
- Training the Trainer: Futures, Mental Health Forum, Parent Training
- LHTC
- Transportation Ride Sharing for Out-of-District placements
- Registered Behavior Technicians (RBT's)
- Literacy Training “Foundations”

Professional Development

- **Mental Health:**

- ✓ Basic Crisis Response Training: social workers
- ✓ Crisis Teams at each school
- ✓ PANS Training, Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome
- ✓ “Teaching Parenting the Positive Discipline Way” two day workshop, social workers

Professional Development

Co Teaching

- ❖ Co Teaching: Making It Work for you and Your students, SERC
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- ❖ Advanced Co-Teaching Workshop

Professional Development

Literacy

- ✓ Foundations Training: K-2 (Intervention days, Coaching days)
- ✓ District-Wide: Dr. Margie Gillis, Literacy How, “What is Structured Literacy?”
- ✓ How to Write Better IEP’s: IEP Rubric, CSDE and SERC
- ✓ 4 day Structured Literacy Training and Certification: HPS SNIS, SMS, NMHS Sp Ed teachers
- ✓ Multisensory Reading Introductory Workshops

Mental Health Forum

- ✓ Trends In Drug Use and Social Media, Mr. Mike Sellet
- ✓ Grief Counseling, Crisis Management, and Cyber Issues
- ✓ How to develop Functional Behavioral Analysis (FBA's)
- ✓ Anxiety and School Phobia, Dr. Wendy Silverman, Director of Yale Child Study Center
- ✓ Gender Issues, Ms. Misty Genocola

Parents As Partners

- **October**: “Help My Child Is Struggling” CPAC (Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center).
- **January**: “ADHD and Executive Functioning” Dr. Heather Flynn, CCSN. (The Center for Children With Special Needs).
- **May**: “Oral, Motor, Sensory and Behavioral aspects of Feeding Challenges” Dr. Shauessy Egan, CCSN Feeding Clinic.

2018-2019 Focus Areas

- Mental Health: staff education, student support, parent support
- Continue K-2 Literacy Training for Special Ed Students
- 1.0 FTE Behavior Interventionist .50 IDEA Grant, .50 Budget
- Improve Co Teaching Outcomes for Students
- IEP Rubric improvement and implementation
- Increased Time With Non Disabled Peers

Autism Walk April 2018



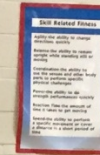
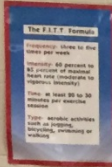






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