

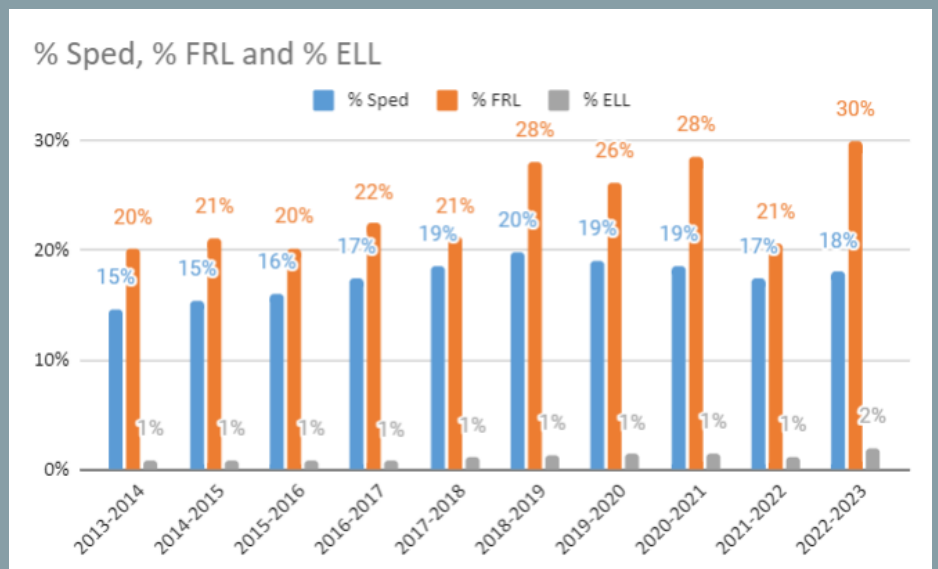
LEDYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FY24 BUDGET PROPOSAL

This proposal is focused on efforts to improve achievement and to meet the needs of all our students.

This budget attempts to balance increasing student needs, staffing, scalability with the overall financial reality of our community.

OUR STUDENTS' NEEDS ARE INCREASING



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

We have a persistent number of students who are not meeting grade level standards. This budget strategically addresses this need - increased numbers of coaches and interventionists.

SBAC ELA, Spring 2022:

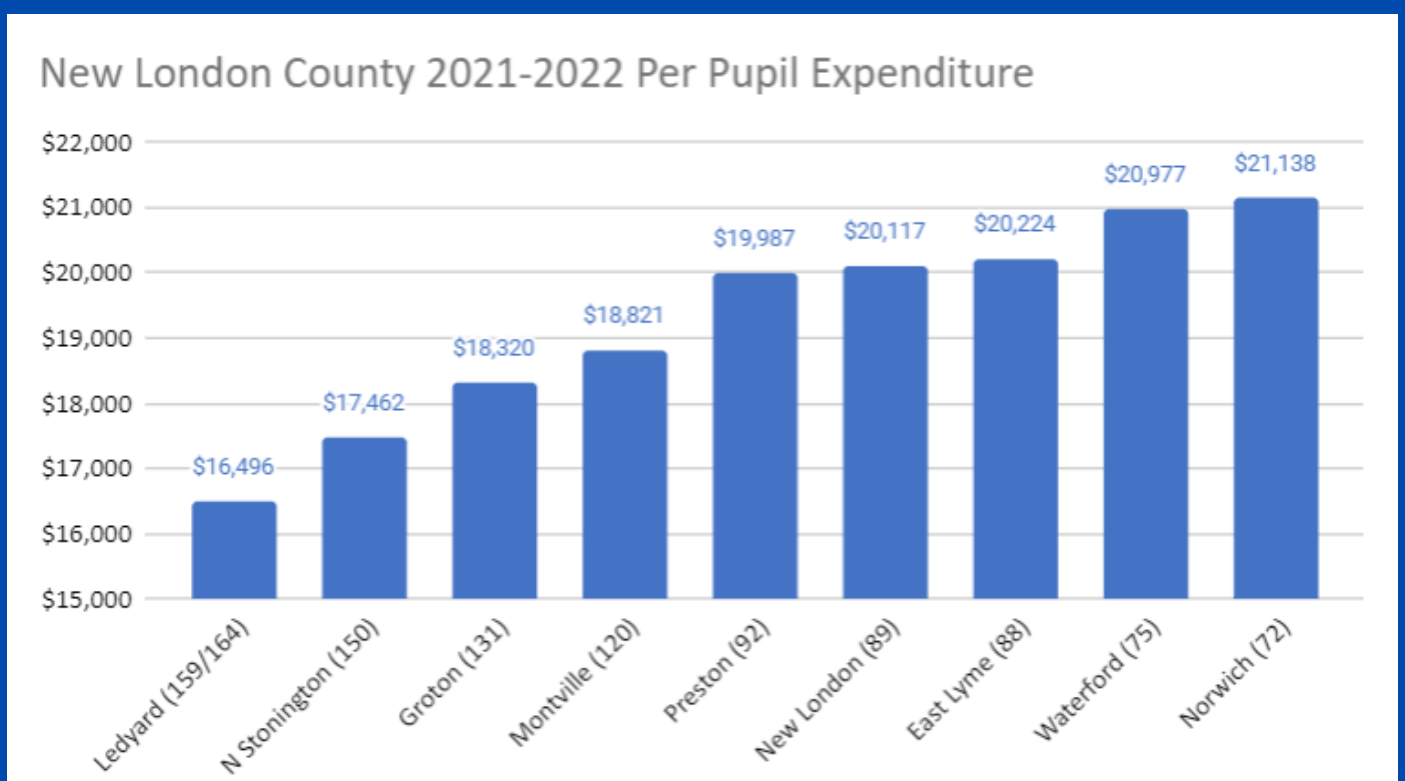
Grade	Does Not Meet Achievement Standard	Approaching Achievement Standard	Meets /Exceeds Achievement Standard
3	31%	25%	44%
4	27%	21%	52%
5	26%	15%	59%
6	31%	30%	39%
7	32%	21%	47%
8	17%	30%	53%

SBAC Math, Spring 2022:

Grade	Does Not Meet Achievement Standard	Approaching Achievement Standard	Meets/Exceeds Achievement Standard
3	26%	24%	50%
4	15%	31%	54%
5	27%	29%	44%
6	35%	38%	27%
7	34%	31%	34%
8	36%	30%	34%

Staffing Level Comparison

District	# Students	NCEP Rank	NCEP \$ FY22	Certified Student Support	Certified General Education	Paras	Other	Students per adult
Ledyard	2450	159	\$16,496.00	57.3	158.1	64	100.9	7.6
Montville	1999	120	\$18,821.00	57.9	150	78.9	160.7	5.1
East Lyme	2644	88	\$20,224.00	70.5	199.9	110.8	144.4	5.8
Stonington	1831	69	\$21,216.00	54	149	73	101.2	5.7
Norwich	3287	72	\$21,138.00	114.2	210.9	156	274.2	5.1
Waterford	2348	75	\$20,977.00	62.1	174.9	81	99.4	6.6



Over the past five years, the district has strategically, albeit slowly, adjusted staffing in key areas and is continuing to undertake targeted, deliberate actions to address the needs of our students. While the issues and complexities presented by the COVID-19 pandemic continue to impact our students, families, and team; the requests in this budget are also designed to address the short and long term needs of our students that existed prior to, and persist after, this period of turmoil. The demands for programing, interventions, and other support will not soon disappear. While we have begun to address the challenges, the need for additional resources to accelerate our progress is significant.

