

Business Coordinator Report  
BOE Meeting May 25, 2022  
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Our largest annual grant comes from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The first section of the grant is the 611 section which supports special education students aged 3-21 and the second section is the 619 grant which supports special education students aged 3-5. Our 2023 allocation for the IDEA 611 grant is \$23,090 and the IDEA 619 grant is \$1,499. We have applied to use IDEA fund during the 2022-2023 school year to employ a special education paraprofessional who assists teachers and/or other professional educators or therapists in the delivery of instructional and related services to students. Our 2022-2023 paraprofessional budget was reduced based on anticipated IDEA funding.

To remain eligible for the IDEA grant, districts must prove Maintenance of Effort (MOE) in special education costs. MOE means that an equal or greater amount of funds are spent on special education compared to the prior year, or that an equal or greater amount of funds are spent per capita compared to the prior year. When completing the application, districts must prove MOE on both an eligibility basis, using projected costs for the following fiscal year, and on a compliance basis, using actual costs from the prior fiscal year. When preparing the annual BoE budget, special education MOE is reviewed. Hampton has complied with MOE in recent years by calculating and applying the value of allowable exceptions including: (a) the voluntary departure of special education staff, less the cost of the replacement, (b) decrease in the enrollment of children with disabilities, (c) termination of the obligation to provide special education to a particular student with a disability that required an exceptionally costly program due to leaving the district, aging out, or no longer needing the program or special education.

Respectfully submitted,

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