



Homeless Student Update

September 6, 2023

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- Emergency homeless shelter opened in Shrewsbury in May 2023
- Currently 49 students enrolled K-12 (about 80 families)
- SPS provided summer programming to as many as possible (English language education, Summer Academy, Summer Enrichment, Summer Kindergarten Intro)

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Census of Students from Emergency Homeless Shelter by School:

Beal School	14
Floral Street School	19
Sherwood Middle School	5
Oak Middle School	5
Shrewsbury High School	6

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Census of Students from Emergency Homeless Shelter by Grade:

Kindergarten	14
Grade 1	3
Grade 2	2
Grade 3	8
Grade 4	6
Grade 5	2
Grade 6	3
Grade 7	3
Grade 8	2
Grade 9	2
Grade 10	0
Grade 11	3
Grade 12	1

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State Funding for Students in Emergency Shelters

- 1) Homeless Emergency Support Grant [344], which provides \$1,000 for each student enrolled in our district from an emergency shelter for initial needs (such as technology, supplies, etc. **This is estimated to provide about \$49,000 in funds as of our current enrollment** (please note that the grant report was completed earlier when we had 46 students))
- 2) Expanded Homeless Shelter Funding Program [997], which provides \$104 per student per day for the time they are enrolled in our district, **which is estimated to provide about \$900,000 in FY24** if all 49 students were to remain for the entire year.

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Additional Resources to Support Students

- A full-time English language education teacher at Floral Street School (in process of hiring) – estimate \$90,000
- A part-time Homeless Family Coordinator to serve as a liaison between families at the site and the schools – \$23,500
- Two bilingual instructional aides – \$60,000
- Two applied behavioral analysis technicians – \$70,000

In addition to the above, there are costs for various supports such as interpreters, technology, supplies and materials, etc. **Our *current* estimates for costs to support these students is about \$570,000 based on current estimates, while we are expecting to receive about \$949,000 in funds**

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Students Being Transported to District of Origin

Currently, 10 students are being transported by bus back to the district where they attended before becoming homeless, per their right under the law. The district they attend and SPS split that cost, and the cost to the district is reimbursed to the town by the state next fiscal year.

Cost of routes vary, depending on distance and how many students being transported on one route. We have \$81,000 budgeted for homeless transportation (prior to the shelter being opened) and right now we are projected to be within this budget, but this is subject to fluctuation due to changing census of homeless students.

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