

# FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



FPS (2<sup>nd</sup>) Response to RTM Member McCarthy  
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## *Additional questions submitted by RTM Member McCarthy:*

55-58	Certified Support Staff	1 psychologist/ elementary school is 2-3 times the number in other school systems. or the ratiio of student to psychologist in our own Middle and High Schools. Please Explain.
59	Cirriculum Leaders	Why 6 FTEs and not 3 (Math-Sci-SS, Rdng_Writing, Music_Art_PE) like other school systems?

Both questions were responded to in the first inquiry. Here is some additional information:

### Question 1

1. Most identification for disability happens at the elementary level
2. Middle and high school counseling departments also include school counselors. The overall ratio of support staff to students is actually higher at the middle and high schools.

### Question 2

For more detailed information about curriculum leaders, please see the information posted on the BOE website. Scroll down to "Curriculum Leaders" for 3 documents.

[http://fairfieldschools.org/board\\_of\\_education\\_budget.htm](http://fairfieldschools.org/board_of_education_budget.htm)

In addition, other school districts that are smaller or have only one high school may use a different model from us. But to cite one example, West Hartford has 9 curriculum leaders (full time administrators) for the secondary level alone. They have two each in English, Social Studies, Mathematics and Science. They also have one in World Language (we have a part-time teacher as noted in the documents referenced above). In addition, WH has one full-time administrator for Art and one for Music (we have part-time teachers). West Hartford used to have their TWO English and Math curriculum leaders teach one class but in the current year they removed that responsibility due to the demands of the Common Core, SBAC Testing and Teacher Evaluation. West Hartford is very similar to Fairfield (2 high schools, 3 middle schools) with a somewhat smaller student population. So, to reiterate, for what we have FOUR people doing, West Hartford has EIGHT. Plus they have 3 others for which we have part-time teachers.