



**DUPAGE/WEST COOK BOARD  
BOARD BRIEFS  
2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTERLY MEETING FY22  
NOVEMBER 10, 2022**

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**PARENT**

**REPRESENTATIVES**

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**COORDINATOR**

Matthew Layton, SASED  
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**TREASURER**

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Chris Miller

The November Board Meeting was informational only as a quorum was not met. No action items were voted upon and were tabled until the February Board Meeting.

**Enrollment for Low Incidence Programs & Referrals Update –**

**Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program**

School	Students Nov 4, 2020	Students Nov 1, 2021	Students Nov 1, 2022	Referrals
North School	31	32	25	6*
Westmont JH	24	17	8	2*
LADSE - HS	42	40	49	20
<b>Total DHH Enrollment</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>28</b>

\*Student referral accepted, student has not started as of Nov 1, 2022  
(1 at Westmont/3 at North)

**Visually Impaired Program**

School	Students Nov 4, 2020	Students Nov 1, 2021	Students Nov 1, 2022	Referrals
Salt Creek Elementary	13	5	7	
Swartz Elementary	6	12	4	1
Albright MS	19	9	9	
Addison Trail HS	34	21	21	2*
<b>Total VI Enrollment</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3</b>

\*1 Student began Addison Trail and then placed back in resident District

**Transition Program**

School	Students Nov 4, 2020	Students Nov 1, 2021	Students Nov 1, 2022	Referrals
SASED Transition (Vision)	N/A	18	15	
LADSE Transition Center	16	22	13	4
<b>Total transition Enrollment</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4</b>



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**SASED/LADSE/DWC Summary of Budgets for Fiscal Agent & Operating Entities**

SASED is the fiscal agent for DuPage/West Cook Funds (DWC). This responsibility includes preparing annual budgets for DWC funds, accounting for expenditures (if any) & administering assessments (if any).

In addition to serving as the fiscal agent for DWC, SASED serves as the operating entity for the elementary Deaf/Hard of Hearing program, Vision Program, ESY program & Audiology services. The budget for DWC programs operated by SASED are integrated into SASED's budget. The responsibility as an operating entity for DWC programs is shared with LADSE. The budgets for programs operated by LADSE are integrated into LADSE's budget. LADSE operates the Hinsdale High School Deaf/Hard of Hearing self-contained program and the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Transition program.

Some of the responsibilities assumed by operating entities are:

- Human Resource – hiring, evaluating & supervising program staff; managing worker's compensation, health insurance & other employee benefits; negotiating contracts with bargaining units.
- Fiscal – program billing, cash collection, payroll & accounts payable; carrying the IMRF reserve for employees hired by the operating entity, but who work in DWC programs; obtaining & maintaining classroom space for programs; budget development & management.
- Programmatic – developing & maintaining the best educational practices for students with low incidence disabilities.

**SASED** - The budgeted tuition rate increases for the Vision classroom (VI) program and the Elementary Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH) program for FY23 was set at an increase of 3.5%, The Secondary and Transition Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program has an increase of 1.4% for FY23, however inflationary pressures and labor shortages will likely result in an increase in the final bill rate. In addition, when enrollment numbers decline it becomes more difficult to meet projected breakeven targets. The ESY program and Diagnostic Testing will remain the same as FY22, while the One-to-One Staff rates increased by 3.5% in FY23.

**LADSE** – A review of existing staffing patterns is completed by the Program Coordinator and reviewed by the LADSE Administration. Input is received from SASED and Districts outside of DuPage West Cook regarding the number of incoming freshmen. In addition, consultations with DHH elementary staff regarding incoming freshman assist in establishing staffing changes to meet student IEP needs. The LADSE Finance Committee reviews and approves the budget assumptions to allow for the development of the budget. Budget assumptions included the initial projected tuition and fee rate increases. The LADSE directing Board reviews and approves the Finance Committee's recommendations. LADSE's business office completes the development of the budgets for the tuition and fee programs. The DWC Board reviews the tuition and fee rates for the DWC Programs. LADSE budgeted tuition rate changes FY23 are: DHH/Transition increase of 1.4%. ESY will not increase – 0%; One-to-One Staff is decreased by -3.9%.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Matthew Layton, DWC Coordinator at 630-955-8102 or [mLAYTON@sased.org](mailto:mLAYTON@sased.org), and/or Dr. Jimmy Gunnell, DWC Board Chairperson at 708-496-3300 or [jgunnell@aerosped.org](mailto:jgunnell@aerosped.org).