

Absecon Board of Education Meeting

May 2, 2023



Administrative Appreciation Day, May 1, 2023

- **Staff Recognition**

- Ms. Jessica Schwartzer, PEA Administrator/Curriculum Supervisor



Principal Appreciation Day, May 1, 2023

- **Staff Recognition**
 - Ms. Leslie Satt, Marsh Principal



Principal Appreciation Day, May 1, 2023

- **Staff Recognition**

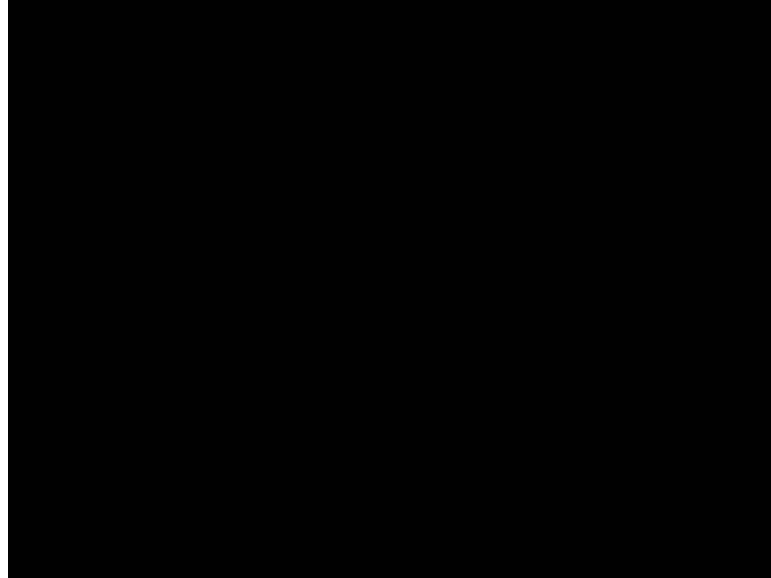
- Mr. Kevin Burns, Attales Principal (5 years of service)



Special Education Week, May 14–20, 2023

- **Staff Recognition**

- Ms. Lindsay Reed, Director of Special Services and Curriculum (5 years of service)



School Nurses Day, May 10, 2023

- **Staff Recognition**

- Mrs. Mimi Deleener



Staff Appreciation

- **Staff Recognition Cookout**

- During Teacher Appreciation Week May 8-12, on Friday, May 12, we will host a cookout following student dismissal to recognize all staff



Student Recognition

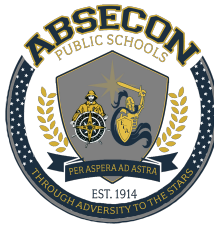
- **2022-23 Attales Girls basketball team**

- 9-3 season
- Coaches: Mrs. Amanda Witmer, assisted by Mrs. Catherine McGowan



Student Recognition

- **2022-23 Attales Boys basketball team**
 - 10-2 season
 - Coaches: Mr. Korey Morgenweck, assisted by Mr. Pete Higbee



Facilities Update

- **New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Local Recreation Improvement Grant**
 - Absecon Public School has been awarded \$70,000 in grant monies
 - Expansion of outdoor sports fields and play areas
- **Additional grant opportunities still pending**

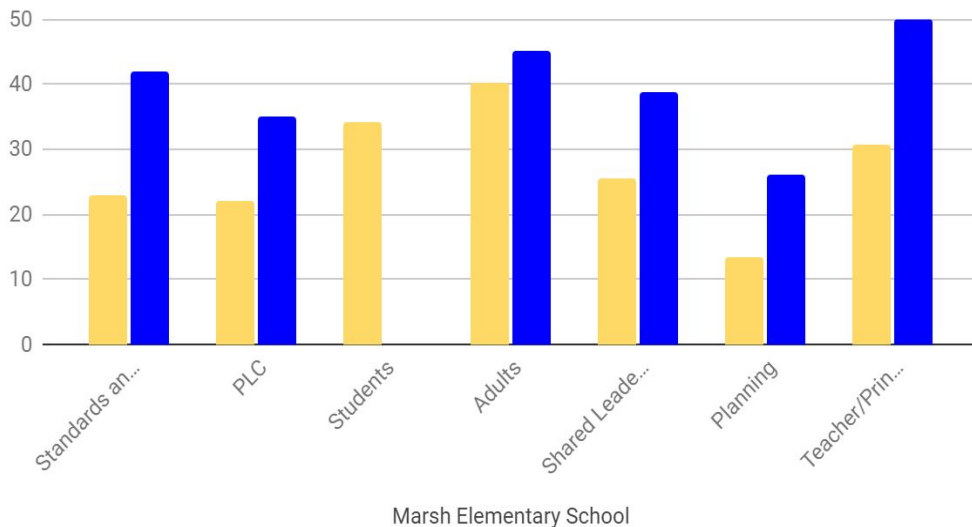


District Update: Annual School Climate Survey

MARSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sustaining Levels of Climate and Culture Ratings

2021-2022 2022-2023



Marsh Elementary School

*Cumulative percentage rating for
Sustaining in survey results*

2021-2022

23.8%

2022-2023

38.9%

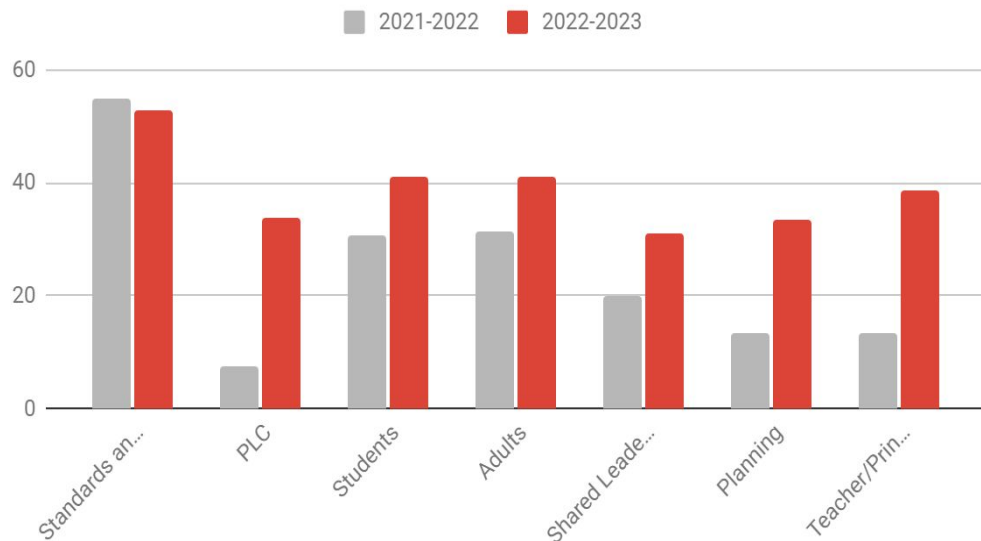
Significant increase
in PLC process,
expectations for
students, school
climate initiatives,
and communication
over time



District Update: Annual School Climate Survey

ATTALES MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sustaining Levels of Climate and Culture Ratings



Attales Middle School

Cumulative percentage rating for Sustaining in survey results

2021-2022

24.45%

2022-2023

33.41%

Significant increase
in focus on student
learning, effective
instructional practices,
and programs
to address school
climate over time



District Update

- **Enrollment**

- Total: 955



STARS Summer Program

- **Community Information Session and Registration**

- April 27
- Marsh Cafetorium



“A program with purpose”

STARS Summer Program



Ms. Jessica Schwartzer
Administrative Liaison To STARS

Ms. Regina Lamcken
Co-Director of STARS Program

Mr. Brian Kehoe
Co-Director of STARS Program

Mrs. Barbara Needham
Administrative Assistant

"A program with purpose"

Program Hours

★ July 10 to August 17

- Monday-Thursday

★ Morning care hours:

- 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

★ Regular hours:

- 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Program Hours and Cost

★ **\$35 summer registration fee per family**

- Includes one STARS shirt per child that must be worn during off campus trips/activities (additional shirts can be purchased for \$10 each).
- **Discounted \$25 Early Registration** before May 31

★ **Morning STARS** - 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

- \$6 includes: free breakfast and bus arrival (8:30 a.m.)

★ **Half Day** - Up to 4 consecutive regular hours for \$25

- Includes: snack, free lunch, weekly themes and daily activities

★ **Full Day** - Over 4 consecutive regular hours for \$50

- Includes: Morning STARS, free breakfast, free lunch, bus departure (5 p.m.), field trips, weekly themes and daily activities



*Snacks, breakfast, lunch, tutoring, activities, field trips, and transportation to and from your home are included.

A Typical Day in STARS

Morning STARS Program

- ★ Breakfast
- ★ Light activity
- ★ Small group activities

STARS Activity Program

- ★ Snack
- ★ Planned activities may include:
 - Cookouts
 - Outdoor Games
 - Arts and Crafts
 - **Field Trips**
 - **Phillies Game, Zoo, Magic Show, Bowling, AC Cruise, Movie, and more.**
 - Walking trips to local attractions such as Police/first responders, lunch in the park, etc.
 - Sports Activities



Sample Activities

Each week will have a theme with appropriate activities and field trip



- ★ Week 1 - July 10-13: *Rockin Rodeo*
- ★ Week 2 - July 17-20: *Heroes are Everywhere*
- ★ Week 3 - July 24-27: *Stellar STEAM*
- ★ Week 4 - July 31-Aug. 3: *Blast from the Past*
- ★ Week 5 - Aug. 7-10: *Pirates of Absecon*
- ★ Week 6 - Aug. 14-17: *We are STARS*



Busing



★ AM busing:

- Pick-up between 8 - 8:30 a.m.
- Arrival to campus at approximately 8:30 a.m.
- Must schedule for AM Morning STARS (included in full day)

★ PM busing:

- Departure from campus at approximately 5 p.m.

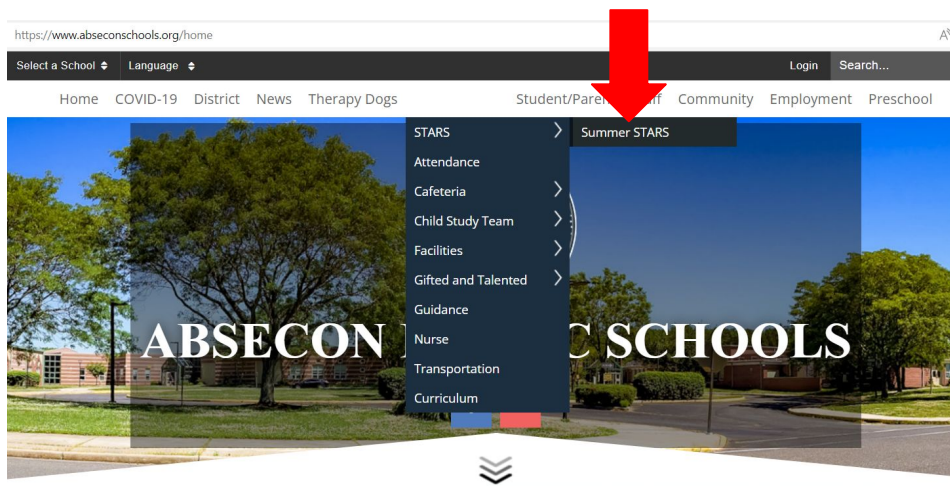
* Bus students must be registered prior to June 10 for **Day 1** busing

* Student will be dismissed on the bus unless STARS is notified prior to departure

Registration Process

- Re-Register through **myprocare.com**
- New Registrations

Scroll down to the
Summer STARS
Registration Form



WELCOME

Per Aspera Ad Astra

[Summer STARS Code of Conduct](#)

[Summer STARS Registration](#)

Absecon Summer STARS 2023 Registration Form

Please complete this form to begin the registration process for your child. Please note there is a \$35.00 registration fee per family, with a \$10 discount if registered on or prior to May 31, 2023. Once registered, an invoice will be sent to your family with instructions on how to pay the registration fee to complete your registration. Please make sure all of the required documents have been read and approved before submitting this survey.

stars@abseconschools.org [Switch account](#)



* Indicates required question

District Update

- **Take Your Child to Work Day April 27, 2022**
 - More than 80 children participated
 - Provided lunch and recreational activities



District Update

SAVE THE DATE

- **Spring Band Concert**
 - 6:30 p.m. May 4 in the Marsh Cafetorium
 - 4th through 8th grade students in Jazz Band, Beginner Band and Concert Band

A yellow rectangular poster with a musical staff and red tulips in the background. The poster features the Absecon Public Schools logo at the top left, which includes a shield with a ship and the motto 'PER ASPERA AD ASTRA' and 'EST. 1914'. To the right of the logo, the text 'ABSECON PUBLIC SCHOOLS presents' is written. The main title 'SPRING BAND CONCERT' is in large, bold, red-outlined letters. Below it, the date 'May 4, 2023' is in bold red. Further down, the text 'Join the Attales Middle School Band for our annual spring concert' is in bold red. At the bottom, the time '6:30 p.m.', location 'Marsh Cafeteria', and address '800 Irelan Ave., Absecon' are listed. In the bottom right corner of the poster, there are two small logos: a red devil-like figure and a yellow and black circular logo.

 **ABSECON**
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
presents

**SPRING BAND
CONCERT**

May 4, 2023

**Join the Attales Middle School Band
for our annual spring concert**

6:30 p.m.
Marsh Cafeteria
800 Irelan Ave., Absecon



Marsh Update

- **Spring Visual and Performing Arts Show Thursday, April 20**
 - Under the direction of Mrs. JoJo Martin, visual, performing and media arts teacher
 - K-4th Grade students



Marsh Update

- **Marsh Rally Tuesday, April 18**
 - Guest speaker “Stand Tall” Steve



Marsh Update

- **Making Memories with Mariners night Wednesday, April 19**
 - Biggest game night this year
 - Teachers invite students to bond and play games, have snacks
 - Last Game Night will be May 30



Attales Update

- **8th Grade 2023 Poetry Recitation Competition contest March & April 2023**
 - Hosted by Language Arts teachers Mr. Broomhead, Mrs. McSorley and Mr. Evans
 - Students selected a poem, which they memorized and recited for their peers in a bracket-style competition that lasted several weeks
 - Winner was Kathleen Diplan-Cedeno April 4, 2023



Attales Update



- **MyPath Madness**
 - Bracket-style math competition between Attales Family Time CAPs throughout the month of March
 - Coordinated by Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. Morgenweck
 - Mr. Broomhead's class won a doughnut party!



Attales Update

- **Attales Sledgehammer Award**

- Presented during April 6 Attales Family Meeting
- Mrs. Guenther and Naa'Irah B. received the award from Pedro G. and Mrs. Carver, respectively



Special Services/Curriculum Update

- 4 students participated and completed the DLM assessment this month, NJSLA testing begins in May
- Special Education Parent Advisory Council Meeting held Tuesday, April 18
 - Guest Speaker: Raymond Royster from the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office discussed the Atlantic County Special Needs Registry



Preschool Update

- **Preschool Petting Zoo visit Friday, April 28**

- Happy Trails Pony Rides Petting Farm visited Absecon's Preschool Program, bringing along bunnies, ducks, lambs, goats and even a donkey. As part of the experience, students each had a chance to ride on a pony.



Preschool Update

ABSECON PRESCHOOL PARENT WORKSHOP: SCREEN TIME

WITH ELIZABETH EWART, LCSW

**THURSDAY
4/6/23
8:15 AM
MARSH GYMNASIUM**

LEARN ABOUT:

- HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH
- APPS DESIGNED FOR PRESCHOOL STUDENTS
- MANAGING BEHAVIORS AROUND SCREEN TIME
- HOW TO USE ELECTRONICS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE

ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE WELCOME



- **Preschool Parent Workshop**
Thursday, April 6
 - Screen Time



Preschool Update

- **Preschool Registration Underway**

- Drive held April 18 and 19
- Mailer sent to over 3,000 homes in Absecon



Absecon Public School District:

Budget Update

To the Absecon Board of Education

May 2, 2023
Dr. Daniel J. Dooley, Superintendent
Ms. Julie Gallagher, Business Administrator



Absecon Public School Goals 2023–24 School Year

- Implementation and refinement of best practices to remediate educational gaps within Language Arts as identified by district and state student performance data analysis
- Implementation and refinement of best practices in Mathematics to remediate educational gaps as identified by district and state student performance data analysis
- Enhance the provision of high quality professional development opportunities to enhance the delivery of differentiated instructional practices driven by data analysis, while supporting our social, emotional, and behavioral health initiatives
- Continue to maximize resources and lead our area and State in security prevention and preparedness by increasing the capacity of our security elements, and further exploration of our Navigate 360 program including the Visitor and Emergency Management Systems.



Absecon School 2023-24 Budget

Tax Levy – No Increase

School Tax Rate History

2021	1.7337	-0.57 cents
2022	1.7238	-0.99 cents
2023	1.7169	-0.69 cents

Ratable Base History

2021	716,356,000	6,256,600
2022	720,397,500	4,041,500
2023	723,339,500	2,942,000

Tax Revenue Analysis	2022/2023	2023/2024	Increase
General Fund	\$12,152,718	\$12,152,718	\$0
Debt Service Fund	\$265,177	\$266,576	\$1,399

For 23/24, an estimated \$6.80 decrease per every \$100,000 valued home.
Estimated total of \$22.50 for last three years



Absecon School 2023-24 Budget

State Aid

	2022-23	2023-24	Increase in Aid
Equalization Aid	\$4,392,923	\$5,495,607	\$1,102,684
Transportation Aid	\$343,882	\$343,882	\$0
Special Education Aid	\$756,476	\$756,476	\$0
Security Aid	\$261,412	\$261,412	\$0
Total General Fund	\$5,754,693	\$6,857,377	\$1,102,684

Absecon School 2023-24 Budget

General Fund Revenue

General Fund Revenue:

- General Fund State Aid increased \$1,102,684 (Equalization Aid) and \$6,453 (Medicaid Reimbursement) in 2023-24 from 2022-23
- Withdrawals were made from Capital Reserve and Tuition Reserve
 - Tuition Reserve \$123,745
 - Assist in Tuition Adjustments from Pleasantville and ACIT
 - Capital Reserve \$832,000
 - Replace HVAC at Attales



Absecon School 2023/2024 Budget

Revenue

Category	2022-23 Original Budget	2023-24 Budget	Variance	% Variance
Tax Levy	\$12,152,718	\$12,152,718	\$0	0.00%
Tax Levy - Bond	\$265,177	\$266,576	\$1,399	0.53%
State Aid	\$5,891,306	\$6,994,712	\$1,103,406	18.73%
Fund Balance	\$589,484	\$862,132	\$272,648	46.25%
Tuition Reserve	\$137,290	\$123,745	\$(13,545)	-9.87%
Capital Reserve	\$0	\$832,000	\$832,000	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$22,630	\$22,630	\$0	0.00%
SEMI/Medicaid	\$39,263	\$45,716	\$6,453	16.44%
General Fund:	\$19,097,868	\$21,300,229	\$ 2,202,361	11.53%
State	\$3,307,169	\$2,884,952	\$(422,217)	-12.77%
Federal	\$2,202,497	\$1,072,429	\$(1,130,068)	-51.31%
Special Revenue Funds:	\$5,509,666	\$3,957,381	\$(1,552,285)	-28.17%
TOTAL:	\$24,607,534	\$25,257,610	\$650,076	2.64%



Absecon School 2023/2024 Budget

Revenue Increase/Decrease

State Programs

PEA Aid	\$ (215,817)	Decrease from previous year
PEA Transfers from General	\$ (236,586)	The number of special ed preschool students decreased
Chapters 192/193	\$ 30,182	Determined by the State/Non-Publics
TOTAL:	\$ (422,217)	

Federal Programs

ESSER II	\$ (240,476)	Grant finished in 2023
ARP ESSER	\$ (985,384)	On 2nd year; amount is significantly decreased
ARP Homeless II	\$ (3,252)	On 2nd year
ESEA	\$ 72,105	Anticipated
IDEA Basic/Preschool	\$ 26,939	Anticipated
TOTAL:	\$ (1,130,068)	



Absecon School 2023-24 Budget

General Fund Appropriations

	2022-23	2023-24	% Diff
Salaries/Employee Benefits	\$12,536,043	\$13,894,485	11%
Tuition	\$1,859,766	\$2,011,057	8%
Facilities/Capital Outlay	\$1,515,880	\$1,983,239	31%
Tuition-Charter Schools	\$1,047,875	\$1,254,532	20%
Instructional Supplies/Services*	\$800,283	\$608,614	-24%
Administration*	\$468,181	\$619,875	32%
Transportation*	\$303,270	\$368,346	21%
Student & Instructional Support Svcs	\$144,770	\$136,156	-6%
TOTAL:	\$18,676,068	\$20,876,304	12%

**salaries for these categories areas are included on "Salaries" line, includes new phone system*



Absecon School 2023-24 Budget

General Fund Appropriations

Salaries/ Employee Benefits

Increase in Health benefits

Instructional Supplies/Services

Decrease caused by required amount to budget in General Fund for special ed. students in PEA classrooms. This year, the required amount was reduced by \$236K.

Tuition-Charter Schools

Increase in number of students

Transportation

Increase in rental payments, insurance, gas

Facilities/Capital Outlay

Upgrades in HVAC

Administration

Increase in general insurance and new phone system



Absecon School 2023-24 Budget

Personnel from General Fund: Local Tax Levy and State Aid

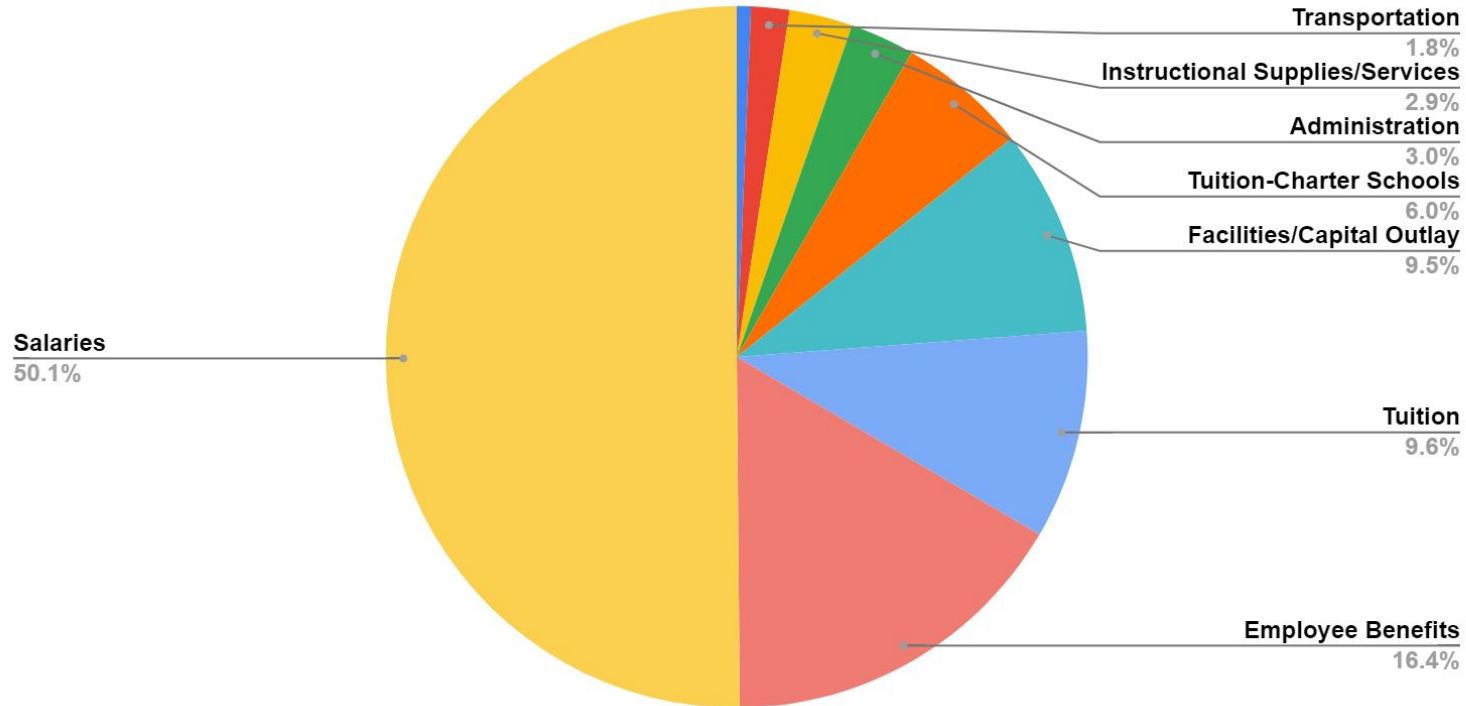
Proposed New Staff Positions:

- Individual Education Plans (IEP) Mandated:
 - Self-Contained Teacher MD (1)
 - Instructional Assistants (4)
- Bus Driver (1) (continuing to increase program and generate revenue)



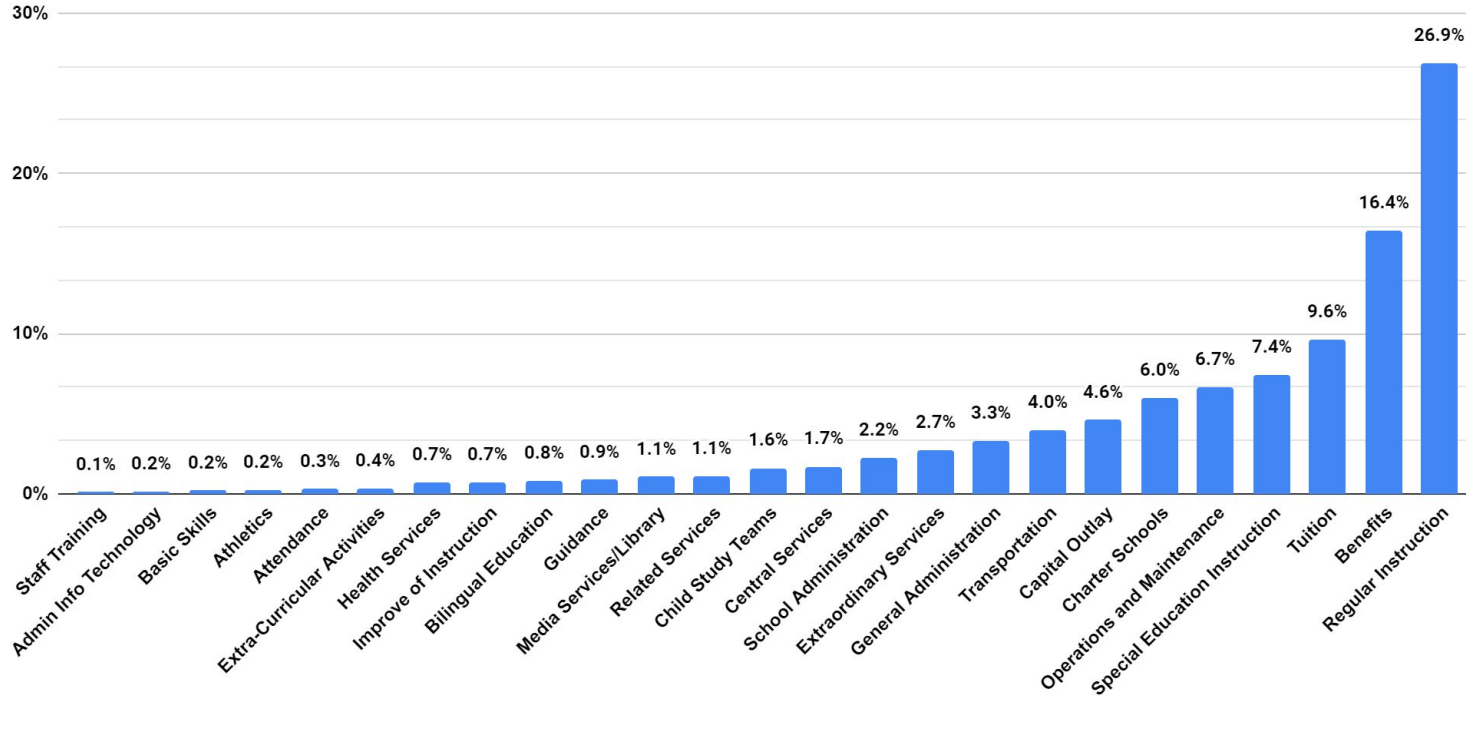
Absecon School 2023-24 Budget

General Fund – Proportionate Breakdown



Absecon School 2023-24 Budget

General Fund – Breakdown by Department



Absecon School 2023-24 Budget

Technology and Facilities Highlights

Technology

- Infrastructure and Network Upgrades
- New Phone System
- Outdoor Long Range Facility Cameras

Facilities

- Attales HVAC Upgrade
- Additional Beautification Projects



Absecon School 2023-24 Budget

Fund 20 – State and Federal Program Revenue

- **State Programs**
 - Preschool Education Aid
 - Non-Public
- **Federal Programs**
 - ESEA (Titles I, IIA, III, III-Immigrant and IV)
 - IDEA (Basic and Preschool)
 - ARP ESSER

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Absecon School 2023-24 Budget

Personnel: Fully Allocated from PEA Special Revenue Funds

- Preschool staff budgeted, pending enrollment, (fully funded for universal 3 and 4-year old program: for a total of 172 students):
 - Preschool Instructional Coach (1)
 - Preschool Secretary (1)
 - Preschool Social Worker (1)
 - Preschool Teachers (13 including 1 new position)
 - Preschool Intervention & Ref Specialist (1)
 - Preschool Aides (16, up from 12 in 22-23)
 - Preschool Community Parent Involvement Specialist: Social Worker/School Psychologist (1)

PEA Annual Trends	2022/2023	2023/2024	Decrease
Preschool Education Aid	\$2,483,080	\$2,457,192	\$(25,888)
Preschool Enrollment <i>Number is based on the upcoming years first grade population; therefore, the number will continue to fluctuate year to year.</i>	184 (Universal 3 and 4 Year Old Program)	172 (Universal 3 and 4 Year Old Program)	-12 Universal Population

THANK YOU!

