

FY 2009 QUESTION NUMBER: 1

QUESTION:

Provide information on school counseling ratios at middle and high school levels over the last four years. How will the additional elementary counselors be deployed?

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ANSWER:

The chart below provides student to counselor ratios over the past four years.

	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009 (projected)
Middle	250:1	244:1	213:1	207:1
High	257:1	255:1	246:1	245:1

The additional 5.0 elementary counseling positions will be allocated so that a 1.0 position goes to each of the three largest schools and a 0.5 position goes to the next four largest schools. Additional positions will reduce the student to counselor ratio from an average of 474:1 in FY 2008 to a projected average of 460:1 in FY 2009. Because counselors are allocated one per school to all schools other than the seven that will receive the additional allocations, actual ratios vary with the size of the school.