

FY 2009 QUESTION NUMBER: 27

QUESTION:

Provide information on how staffing decisions are made to support special education students in general education classrooms.

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE:

ANSWER:

The Office of School Performance (OSP) counts elementary students with disabilities who receive 15 or more hours of service in LRE A, in the general education enrollment when making staff allocations. Twenty teachers have been allocated to selected elementary schools to serve the total number of both general education and special education students. The FY 2009 budget includes an additional 10 teachers to provide additional support for this initiative.

At the secondary level, the Department of Special Education Services works collaboratively with the Office of School Performance to examine the impact of special education programs on each individual school, and makes staffing recommendations with a focus on providing support for the inclusion of special education students in core content math and English classes. Twenty-five general education high school teachers were added to the K-12 budget in FY 2007 to address the inclusion of students with disabilities in core content as well as elective classes. Staffing is adjusted annually to address the needs of individual schools and programs.

