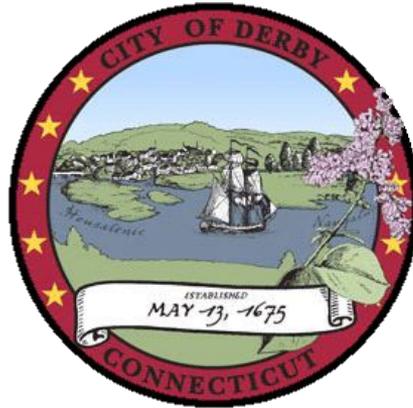

Proposal to the Board of Education



October 15, 2020

Request

On behalf of Derby Middle School and RAISE Academy, the team respectfully requests an addendum to the scope of RAISE Academy to include, on a case-by-case basis, grade six students.

Rationale

- Provision of a true Kindergarten through Grade 12 behaviorally-supported programming
 - “Meet kids where they are” mentality; Programming must exist for students who require therapeutic, social-emotionally, or behaviorally focused supports
 - Provision of Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) for students who require any of the following:
 - Direct or related services in the area of behavior, social, and/or emotional support
 - Support of a small-group, specially-designed environment
 - Lower student : teacher ratio
 - Individualized programming to develop prerequisite or specific social, emotional, or behavioral competencies
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Process for Referral (DRAFT - Grade Six Only)

- Submission of Referral to the Supervisor of Special Education inclusive of:
 - Relevant educational documents (as outlined on current referral process)
 - Clear documentation of increasingly restrictive or intensive interventions for a marked period of time with evidence of little to no progress with any of the attempted strategies
 - Clear proposal of programmatic goals to be implemented in accordance with the RAISE Academy staff (may be developed in conjunction with Program Coordinator)
 - If accepted:
 - 30-day program review meetings (full team) to be held to monitor evidence-based progress toward mastery of program goals for the duration of the Grade Six year
 - Program review must identify whether or not RAISE Academy continues to be the most appropriate setting to support the student
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