



Head Start/Early Head Start

Board Report – March 2024

General:

- Covid Cases:
 - Staff – 11
 - Children – 0
- All HS/EHS Staff attended a Foundations of Conscious Discipline training on March 15th at Embassy Suites to reconnect as a School Family

Education:

- New Early Childhood Specialist (ECS) took 3-day virtual training to becoming a certified CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) observer – working on completing final test to become reliable
- One ECS attended Talking with Families webinar – how to talk with families about children that may not be meeting developmental milestones
- Component Manager and Child Behavior Specialist continuing an 8-part training on the Deca tool (our social/emotional assessment) – this month focusing on how to help staff make meaning of the results and guide strengths based planning
- Starting to analyze winter assessment data to begin building pre-service training needs/topics
- All Early Childhood Specialists have begun the Spring CLASS observations in all of the classrooms. This consists of four, twenty minute cycles in each room in which the observer scores teachers on the quality of their interactions with children.

Health:

- Lead Department completed testing at our Liverpool site
 - 6 center base children tested
 - All within normal range
- Still awaiting confirmation for Lead Testing clinics at Baldwinsville and Cathedral Academy at Pompei sites
- Spring Chompers Dental clinics are set to start at the end of April

Disabilities:

- Working with Intake Workers to assure best placements for children in the fall
- There is a true special education “crisis” in our county, as well as across the state
 - Severe shortage of service providers is leading to very long waitlists for children to receive the services they qualify for – needs seem to have increased since the Covid pandemic

Family and Community:

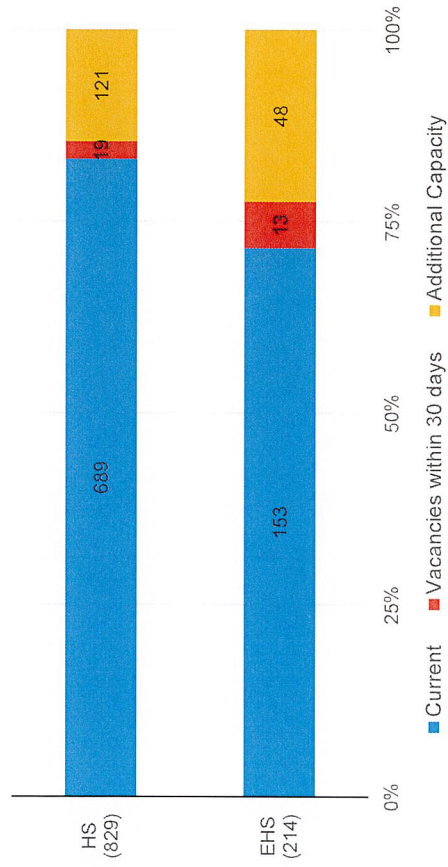
- Liverpool Head Start site is doing Books and Cooks in partnership with the Liverpool Public Library and Cornell Cooperative Extension – hosted for HS families once a month
- A local historian is coming monthly to the Jordan-Elbridge HS site to do activities with children and families

Nutrition:

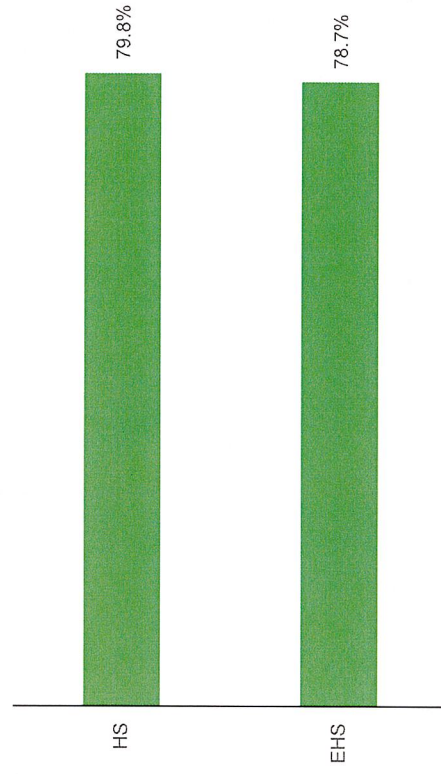
- Up to 430 children may require a modified special diet due to cultural, religious preference, or a temporary situation (such as oral surgery). Others may have a chronic condition, such as poor dental health or deteriorating teeth that impact their ability to chew and swallow typical foods.

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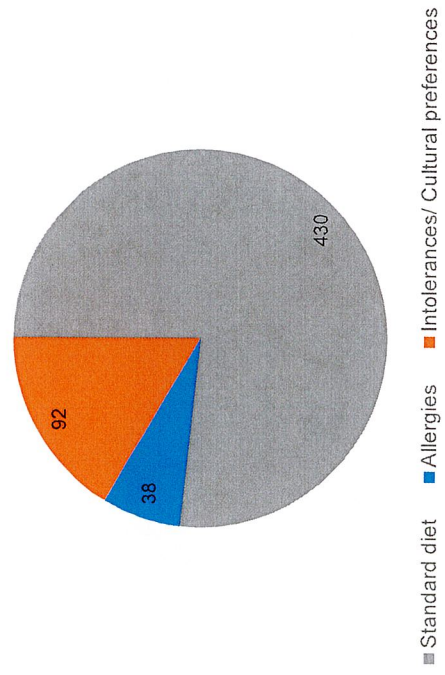
March Program Enrollment



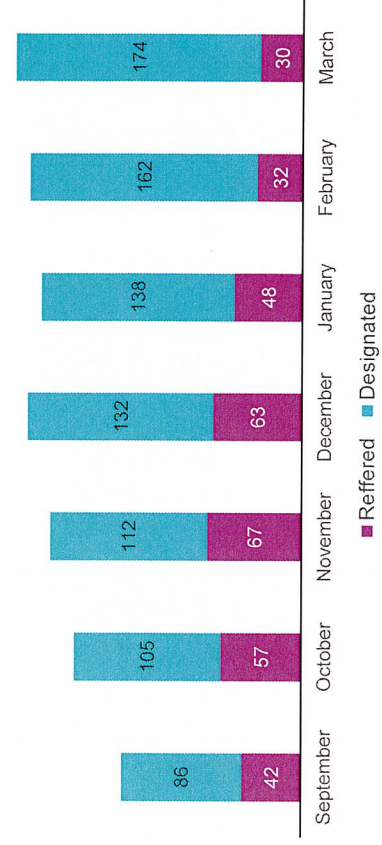
March Program Attendance



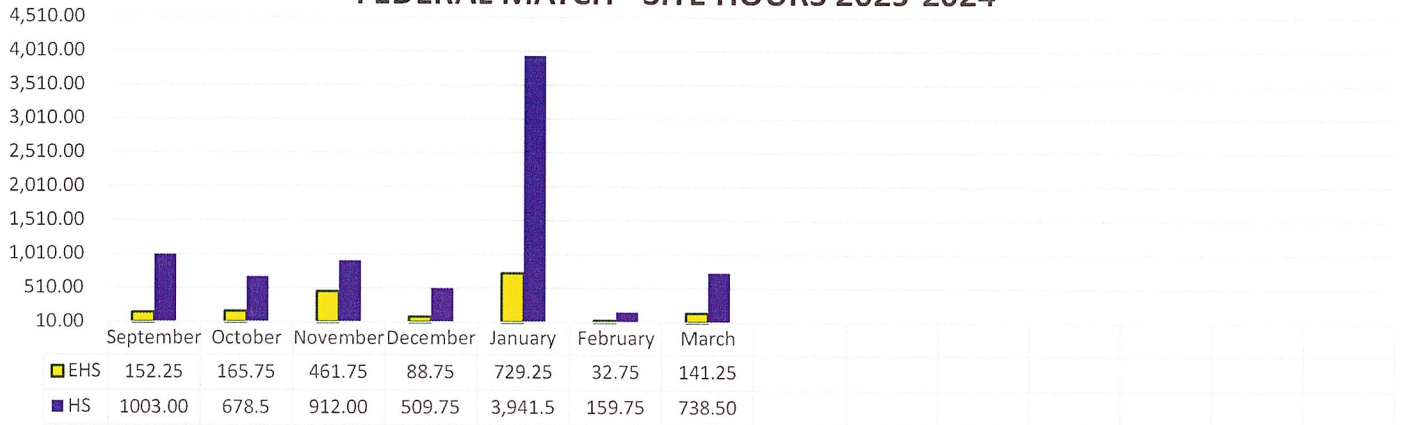
Number Of Children Served Meals in March



Number Of Children With Disabilities



FEDERAL MATCH - SITE HOURS 2023-2024



Applications / Referrals / On Wait List 2023 - 2024

