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# School Counseling Update



Scituate Public Schools

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# How do we support the mission and strategic plan objectives?

## Our Mission

Together, WE inspire, support, and challenge all learners to reach their unique potential

## Our Vision

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## Our Core Values

WE reach every student by:

Ensuring Equity

Nurturing  
Perseverance, Growth,  
and Achievement

Valuing Love,  
Inclusion, and Trust

Investing in Safety

Engaging with  
the Community

## Strategic Objectives



**1** Teaching, Learning, and Leading



**2** Communication and Community Partnerships



**3** Finance, Facilities, Personnel, and Technology



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# SPS School Counseling Action Steps



## **Teaching, Learning, and Leading**

### **Use data to**

- Advance SPS Programming
- Analyze enrollment patterns
- Provide services and opportunities
- Enhance SED programming for all students



## **Finance, Facilities, Personnel, and Technology**

### **Enhance post high school College Career & Civic Readiness by using the most up-to-date platforms & resources**

- Implementing the Innovation Pathways Grant
- Training for counselors, parents, and students in Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority Pathways platform & SCOIR.



## **Communication and Community Partnerships**

### **Enhance communication with students and families by**

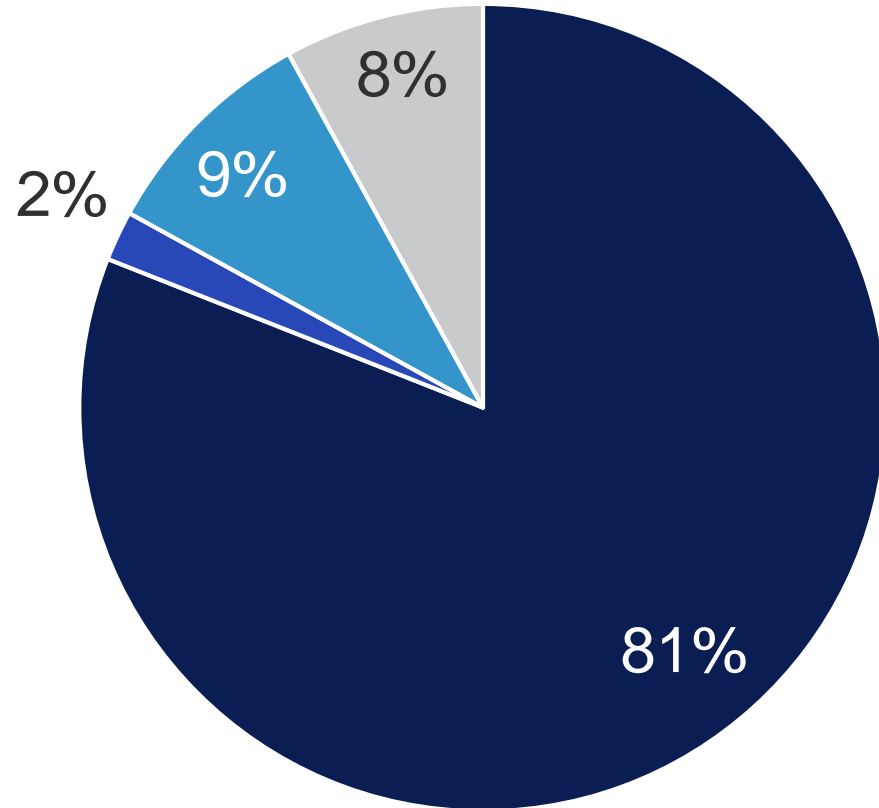
- Listening to stakeholder feedback about their communication experience
- Enhancing the counseling webpage
- Committing to communication campaigns for events
- Provide services and opportunities



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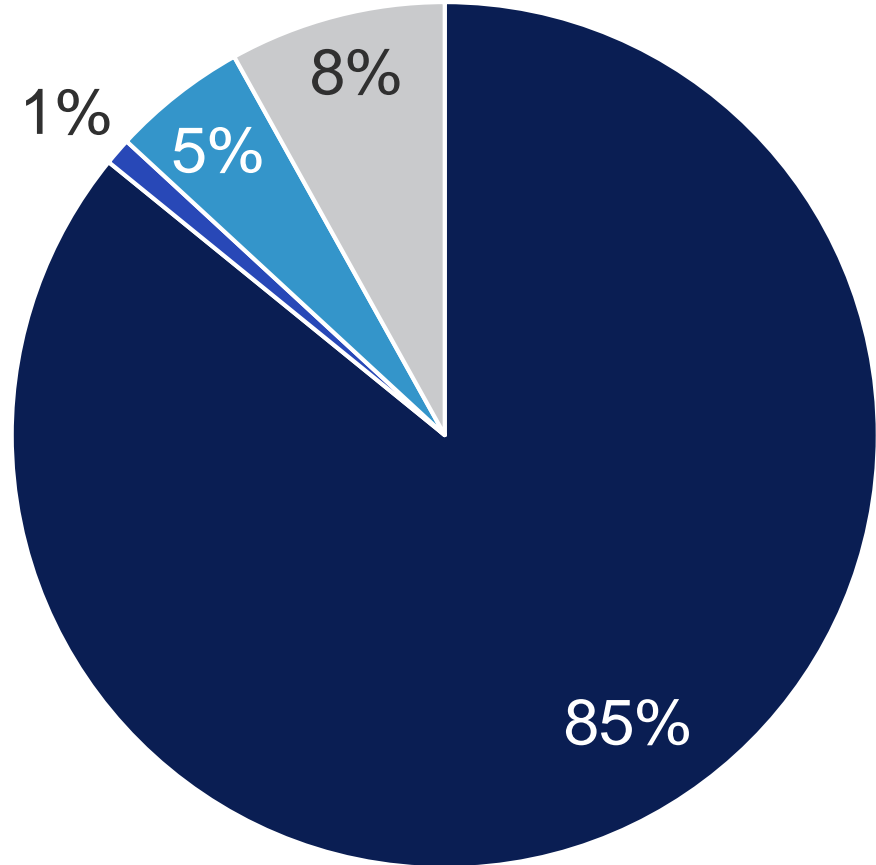
## Are we losing our 8<sup>th</sup> graders?

Class of 2026



## Enrollment Update

Class of 2027



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■ Stayed in SPS ■ Moved Away ■ Private School ■ Voc Tech

# All families surveyed

## SPS Exit Survey Trends

### Elementary Level

- Very Satisfied with
  - Rigor, Engagement, Belonging
- Least Satisfied with
  - Diverse Courses

*"Scituate, Hatherly specifically, is a welcoming, caring environment. I always felt a part of the community and the communication between the school and our households was wonderful."*

*"We would have liked a parent conference instead of office hours."*

### Middle School Level

- Very Satisfied with
  - Rigor, Arts\*
- Least Satisfied with
  - Extracurriculars, Athletics

*"Had such a great experience; most impressed with ability of teacher/curriculum to meet individual needs - ensuring that he was progressing."*

*"She would do a little better in a smaller class sizes."*

### High School Level

- Very Satisfied with
  - Diverse Courses, Rigor, Engagement
- Least Satisfied with
  - Athletics, Support Services

*"My child needs a different experience for high school."*

*"Thank you for all that you do!"*

*"Be more transparent with the parents regarding educational information."*





# What's Next?



- Follow up on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade “Set Sail Showcase”
- Course selections begin in February
- Training on college and career readiness platforms for counselors, parents & students
- PEAR post-assessments (grades 3 – 10)
- Continue focus on communications & feedback cycle to create best practices that work for students and families

