

PA Education Requirements
and the
Governor Mifflin School District

Key Communicator Breakfast

December 14, 2010



Governor Mifflin School District

Our Mission:

The Governor Mifflin School District is committed to providing each student, every day, with the attitudes, skills and knowledge to be successful in tomorrow's world.

Our Vision:

In partnership with our community, we will provide a strong foundation and nurturing environment that enables students to become life-long learners and contributors in a culturally diverse and ever-changing world. To that end, our vision is to empower all students to reach their fullest potential throughout their scholastic careers and into the rest of their lives.

Pennsylvania Dept of Education Requirements for Instructional Courses

Primary Level

Instruction Required:

- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science & Technology
- Social Studies
- Environment & Ecology
- The Arts (Music/Art/
Theater/Dance)
- Health/Safety/Physical Education

Shall Be Made Available:

- Special Education

Intermediate Level

Instruction Required:

- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science & Technology
- Social Studies
- Environment & Ecology
- The Arts (Music/Art/
Theater/Dance)
- Health/Safety/Physical Education
- Use of Library and Other
Information Resources

Shall Be Made Available:

- Special Education

Pennsylvania Dept of Education Requirements for Instructional Courses

Middle School Level

Instruction Required:

- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science & Technology
- Social Studies
- Environment & Ecology
- Information Skills
- The Arts (Music/Art/
Theater/Dance)
- Health/Safety/Physical Education
- Career Education
- Technology Education
- Microcomputers Applications
- Family & Consumer Science

Shall Be Made Available:

- Special Education

High School Level

Instruction Required:

- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science & Technology
- Social Studies
- Environment & Ecology
- The Arts
(Music/Art/Theater/Dance)
- Health/Safety/Physical
Education
- Microcomputers Applications
- Family & Consumer Science

Shall Be Made Available:

- Special Education
- Vocational-Technical
Education
- Business
- World Languages
- Technology Education
- AP courses

Comparison of PDE Requirements to Governor Mifflin course offerings

- *Refer to handout*

GM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COURSE OVERVIEW

LANGUAGE ARTS:

Grade 1 Reading/Spelling/
Writing/Speaking/
Listening
Grade 2 Reading/Spelling/
Writing
Grade 3 Reading/Spelling/
Writing/Handwriting
Grade 4 Reading/Spelling/
Writing

MATHEMATICS:

Grades 1-4 Math

SCIENCE:

Grades 1-4 Science/Health

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Grades 1-4 Social Studies

HEALTH, PHYSICAL ED:

Physical Education

MUSIC:

General Music

Keyboarding

VISUAL ARTS:

Visual Arts

GUIDANCE CLASSES

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

GIFTED

SPECIAL EDUCATION

ESL

GM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL COURSE OVERVIEW

LANGUAGE ARTS:

Grade 5 Reading/Spelling/
Writing
Grade 6 Reading/Spelling/
Writing

MATHEMATICS:

Grade 5 Math
Grade 6 Math

SCIENCE:

Grade 5 Science/Health
Grade 6 Science/Health

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Grade 5 Social Studies
Grade 6 Social Studies

HEALTH, PHYSICAL ED:

Physical Education

Aquatics

MUSIC:

General Music

Instrument Lessons
Concert Band

VISUAL ARTS:

Visual Arts

LIBRARY CLASSES

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

SPECIAL EDUCATION

GIFTED

ESL

GM MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE OVERVIEW

ENGLISH:

Grade 7 English
Grade 8 English

Grade 7 Reading & Study Skills

MATHEMATICS:

Grade 7 Math
Grade 7 PreAlgebra
Grade 8 PreAlgebra
Grade 8 Algebra

SCIENCE:

Grade 7 Life Science
Grade 8 Physical Science

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Grade 7 American Cultures
Grade 8 American History &
Government

Grade 8 Geography

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE:

Family & Consumer Sciences 1
Family & Consumer Sciences 2

HEALTH, PHYSICAL ED:

Physical Education (2)
Grade 7 Health Education (3)

LANGUAGES:

French - Grade 8
Spanish - Grade 8

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY:

Computer Applications

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION:

Technology Education 1
Technology Education 2

MUSIC:

Grade 8 General Music &
Technology

Instrumental Music
Vocal Music - Grade 7 Chorus
Vocal Music - Grade 8 Chorus

VISUAL ARTS:

Grade 7 Visual Art

SPECIAL EDUCATION

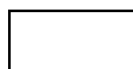
GIFTED:

Grade 7 Investigations
Grade 8 Integrated Humanities

ESL

LEGEND:

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GM HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OVERVIEW

ENGLISH:

- English 9**
- English 10**
- English 11**
- English 12**

Honors English 9
Honors English 10
Honors English 11
Advanced Placement English 12
Journalism
Speech (semester)
Creative Writing (semester)
Strategic Reading/English 9 (12)

MATHEMATICS:

- Foundations of Geometry**
- Geometry**
- Algebra 1**
- Algebra 2**
- Pre-Calculus**
- Calculus 1**

Advanced Placement Statistics
Advanced Placement Math (12)
Advanced Placement Calculus 2
Junior Math
Senior Math
Statistics
Transition to Advanced Math/ Algebra 1 (12)

SCIENCE:

- Earth and Space Science**
- Foundations of Biology**
- Foundations of Chemistry**
- Biology (7)**
- Chemistry (7)**
- Physics (7)**

Advanced Placement Biology (8)
Advanced Placement Chemistry (8)
Advanced Placement Physics B (Algebra) (8)
Human Biology
Human Anatomy and Physiology Genetics (semester)
Environmental Biology/Ecology (semester)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

GIFTED

CAREER & TECH CENTER

ESL

SOCIAL STUDIES:

- World Cultures 9**
- United States History 1**
- United States History 2**
- Government and Economics**

Advanced Placement European History
Advanced Placement United States History
Advanced Placement Government and Politics
Advanced Placement Psychology
Local History (even years)
Military History (odd years)

BUSINESS:

Business Systems (semester)
Consumer Education (semester)
Microsoft Office
Advanced Computer Applications
Accounting 1
Accounting 2
Accounting 3
Money and Banking
Business Management
Business Communications (3)

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE:

- Family & Consumer Sciences 9
(semester) (3)**

Everyday Living
Relationships and Parenting
Housing and Interior Design (3)
Food Preparation 1 (3)
Food Preparation 2 (3)
Foreign Foods (3)
Professional Food Service (3)
Personal Fashions 1 (3)
Personal Fashions 2 (3)
Creative Sewing (3)
Child Development (semester)
Health, Safety & Nutrition of Young Children (semester)

LANGUAGES:

French 1
French 2
French 3
French 4
Spanish 1
Spanish 2
Spanish 3
Spanish 4

HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

- Physical Education (2)**
- Health Education (3)**

Strength and Conditioning (3)

MUSIC:

Humanities

Music Appreciation (3)
Music Theory I (3)
Advanced Placement Music Theory
Band and Orchestra
Band Front (1 & 4 quarters)
Band (1, 2, 3 & 4 quarters)
Concert Choir (3)
Governors and First Ladies (3)
Ambassadors (3)
New Arrangement (3)

VISUAL ARTS:

Humanities

Advanced Placement Studio Art
Visual Arts 1
Visual Arts 2
Visual Arts 3
Visual Arts 4
Digital Studio Arts 1 (3)
Digital Studio Arts 2 (3)
Multicultural Applied Arts
Ceramics (3)

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION:

Technology Education - Solving Problems, Grade 9 (semester)
Materials and Processes
Advanced Materials and Processes
Manufacturing and Construction
Graphic Communications
Contemporary Publishing/ Production
Web Design and Publishing
Engineering/Design Systems 1 (3)
Engineering/Design Systems 2 (3)
Power Technology
Drafting 1
Drafting 2
Drafting 3
Drafting 4
Principles of Technology 1
Principles of Technology 2
Video and TV Production (no credit)

Numbers in parenthesis indicate periods per cycle for courses which do not meet six times a cycle.

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Instructional Expenditures

Mandatory:

- Core subjects
 - o Math, Language Arts, Science
 - o Phys. Ed/Health
 - o Spec. Ed
- Art/Music (K-6)
- Technical curriculum (Gr. 7-9)
- Homebound/Alternative
- Detention center
- Career Center & IU

Depends:

- Transportation
- Sports Activities (Title 9)
- *Community college*

Optional:

- Art/Music (Gr. 7-12)
- Kindergarten
- AP courses & Dual Enrollment
- Food services
- Before/After School Programs
- *Drivers' Ed*
- *Summer School*
- *Adult Ed*
- *Pre-Kindergarten*

Support Expenditures

Mandatory:

- Some board services
 - o Public Notices
 - o Retaining Minutes
- Tax collection
- Superintendent
- Principals
- Dental services
- School nurse
- Psychological services
- Business support
- Library services
- Occ/Physical Therapy
- Audio/Visual services
- Social services
- Guidance services
- Legal services

Depends:

- Transportation
- Tax collection services
- Legal services
- Buildings & Grounds

Optional:

- Some board services
- Community relations
- Human Resources office
- Administrative Technology

Non-Instructional Expenditures

Optional:

- Student activities
- School athletics
- Extra-curricular activities
- Community services

Facilities Acquisition Expenditures

Optional:

- Planning activities for new facilities
 - Lawyers
 - Architects
 - Engineers
 - Surveyors
- Short-term space rental

Debt Service Expenditures

Mandatory:

- Debt Service

Depends:

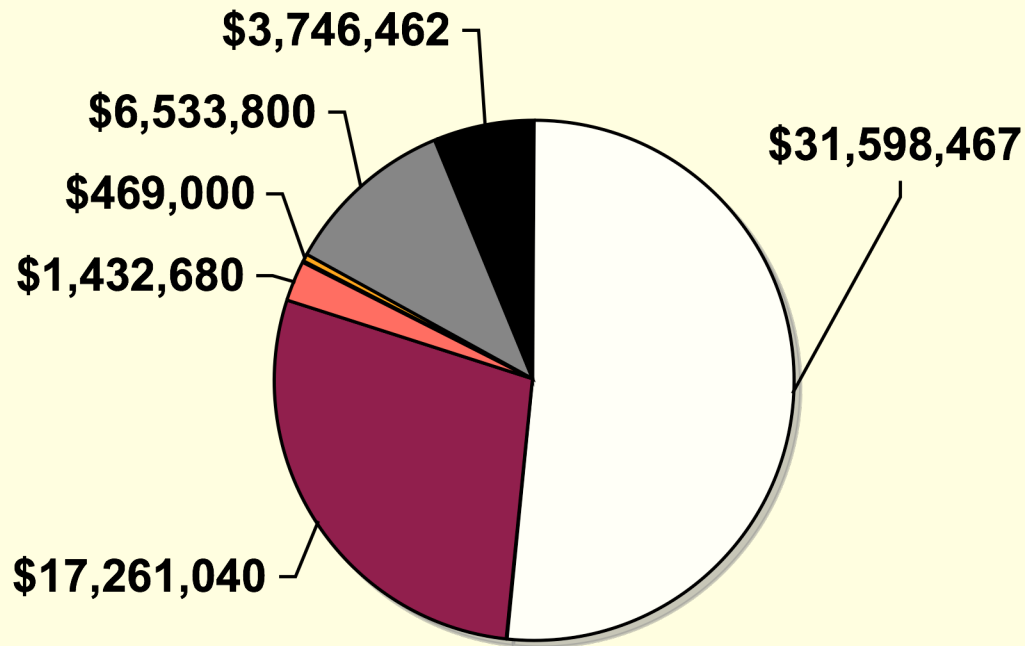
- Budget transfers

Optional:

- Budgetary reserves

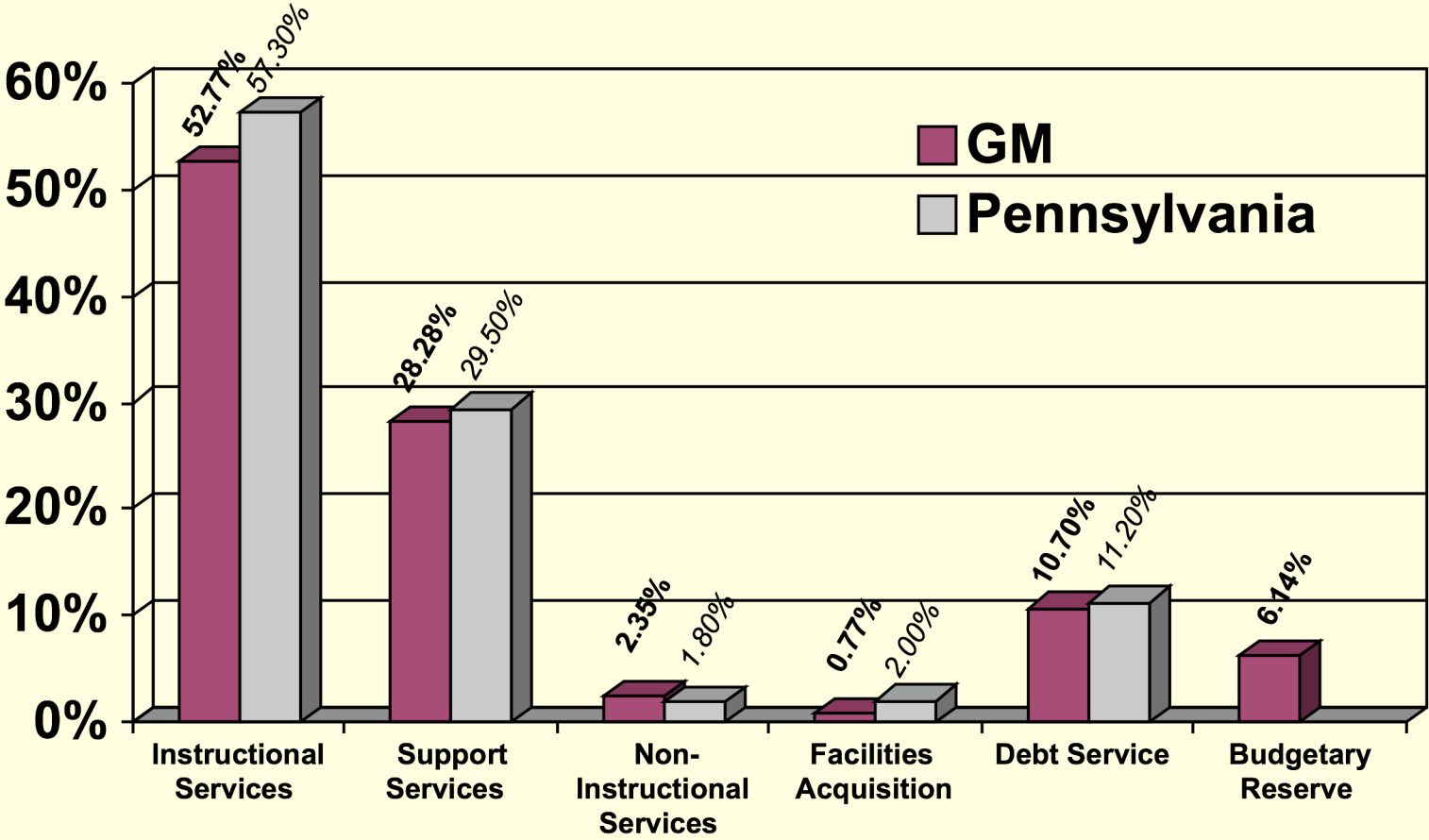
2010-2011 GMSD Expenditure

= **\$61,041,449** or *23.2 mils*

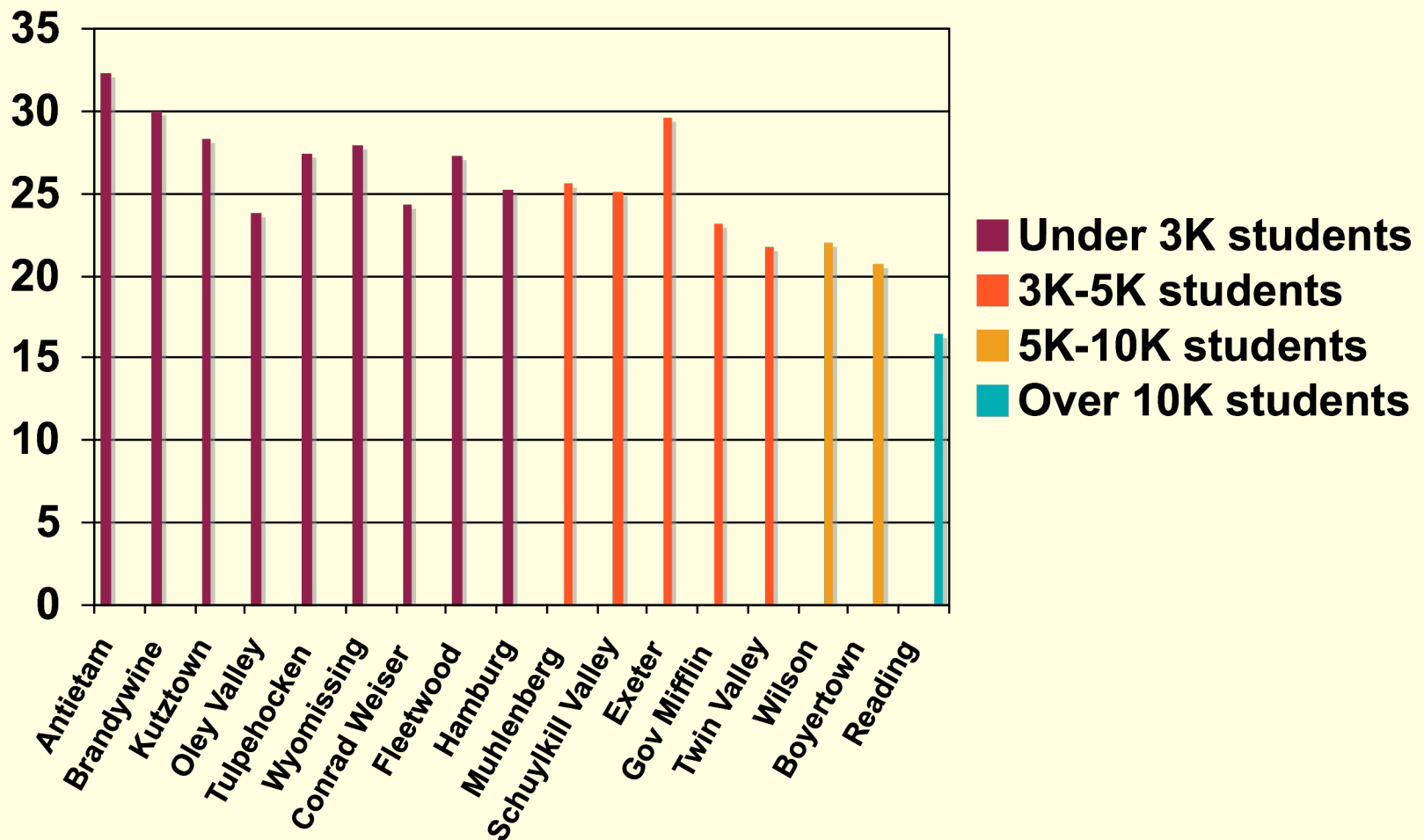


- **Instructional Services - 51.77%**
- **Support Services - 28.28%**
- **Non-Instructional Services - 2.35%**
- **Facilities Acquisition - 0.77%**
- **Debt Service - 10.70%**
- **Budgetary Reserve - 6.14%**

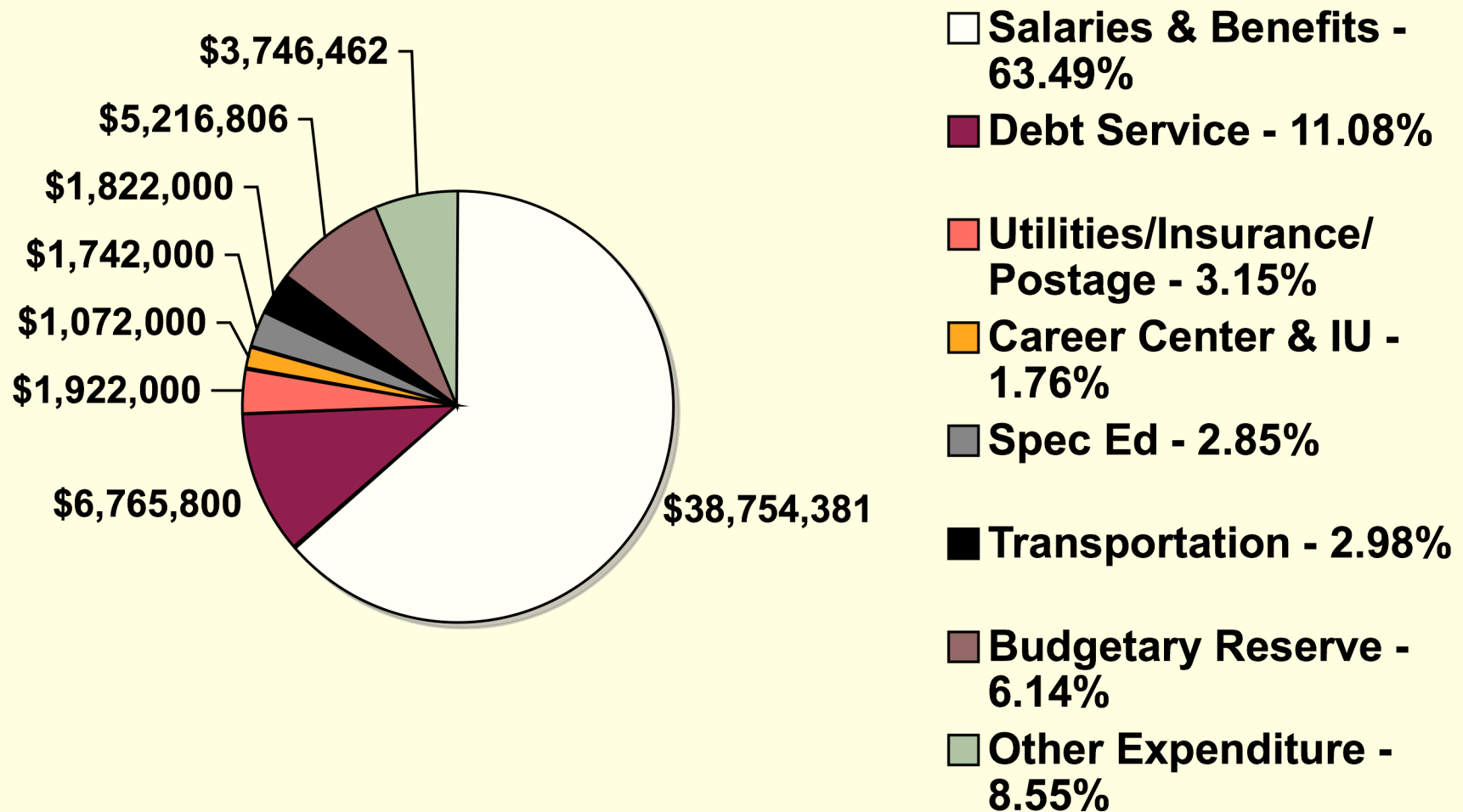
Governor Mifflin Expenditure Ratio Compared to State Average



2010-2011 Real Estate Millage for Berks Schools



2010-2011 Governor Mifflin Expenditure - *with salaries isolated*



School District Staff Groups

- Professional Teaching Staff (GMEA)
- Supportive Staff (AFSCME)
- Act 93 Professional Supervisory Staff
- Act 93 Professional Non-Supervisory Staff
- Act 93 Professional Supportive Staff
- Individual Contracts
 - Superintendent
 - Assistant Superintendent
 - Business Manager
 - Human Resources

Regulations Concerning Teaching Staff

Per Section 1124 of the school code:

- Any board of directors may suspend the necessary number of professional employees for any of the causes herein enumerated:
 - Substantial decrease in pupil enrollment in the school district
 - Curtailment or alteration of the educational program on recommendation of the Superintendent, concurred in by the Board of School Directors, approved by the Department of Public Instruction, as a result of *substantial decline in class or course enrollments or to conform with standards of organization or educational activities requested by law or recommended by the Department of Public Instruction.*
- School code prohibits reduction of teachers due to financial reasons.

Regulations Concerning Administration

Mandated:

- Superintendent
- Principal
- Business Support
- Curriculum/Instructional Services as necessary to tie curriculum to state standards

Non-Mandated:

- All other administrative offices
 - *School code does not prohibit reduction of administration in any other area due to financial reasons*

Regulations Concerning Supportive Staff

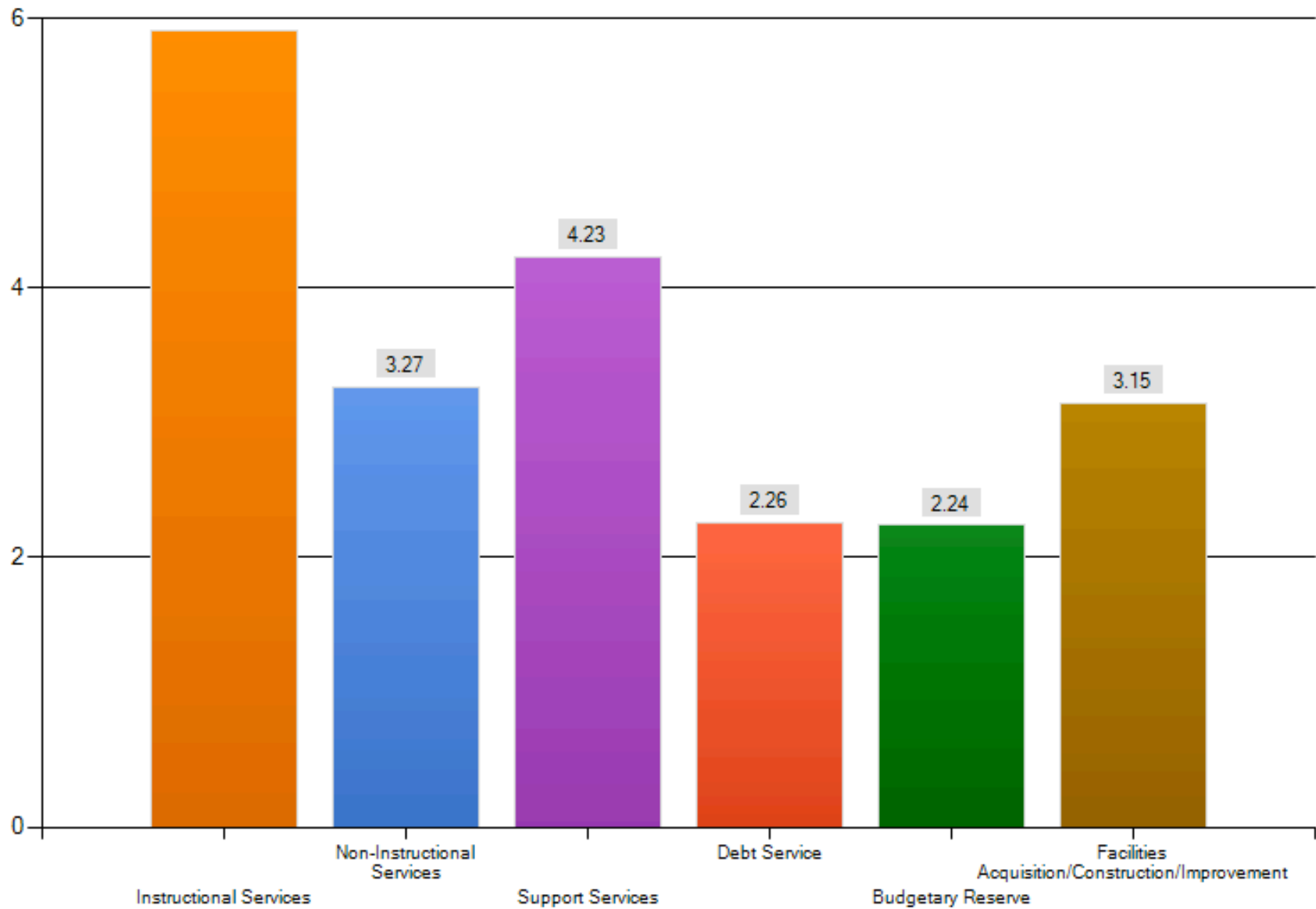
Mandated:

- School Code mandates maintaining appropriate facilities for educational purposes

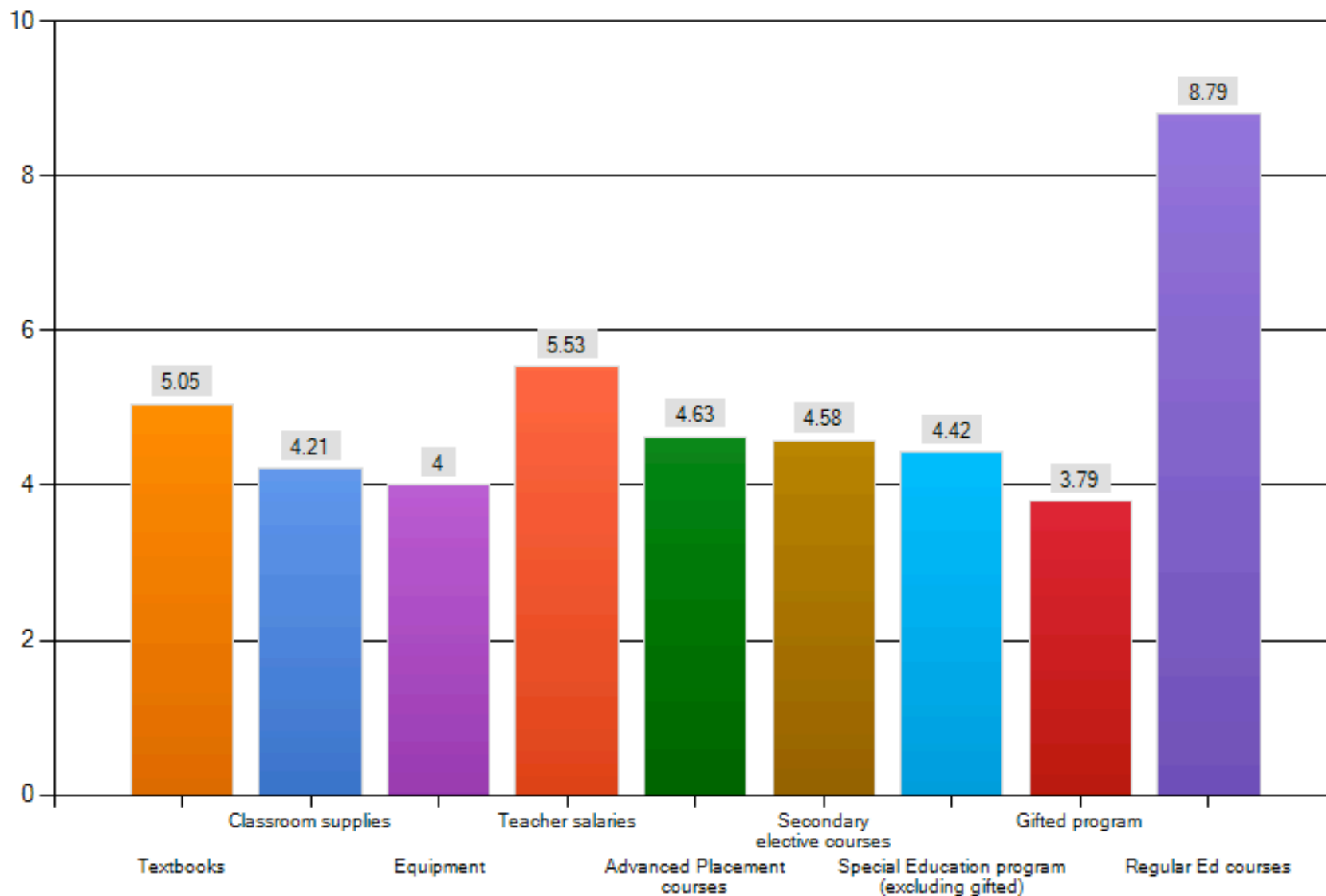
Non-Mandated:

- School code does not prohibit reduction of support staff in any other area due to financial reasons

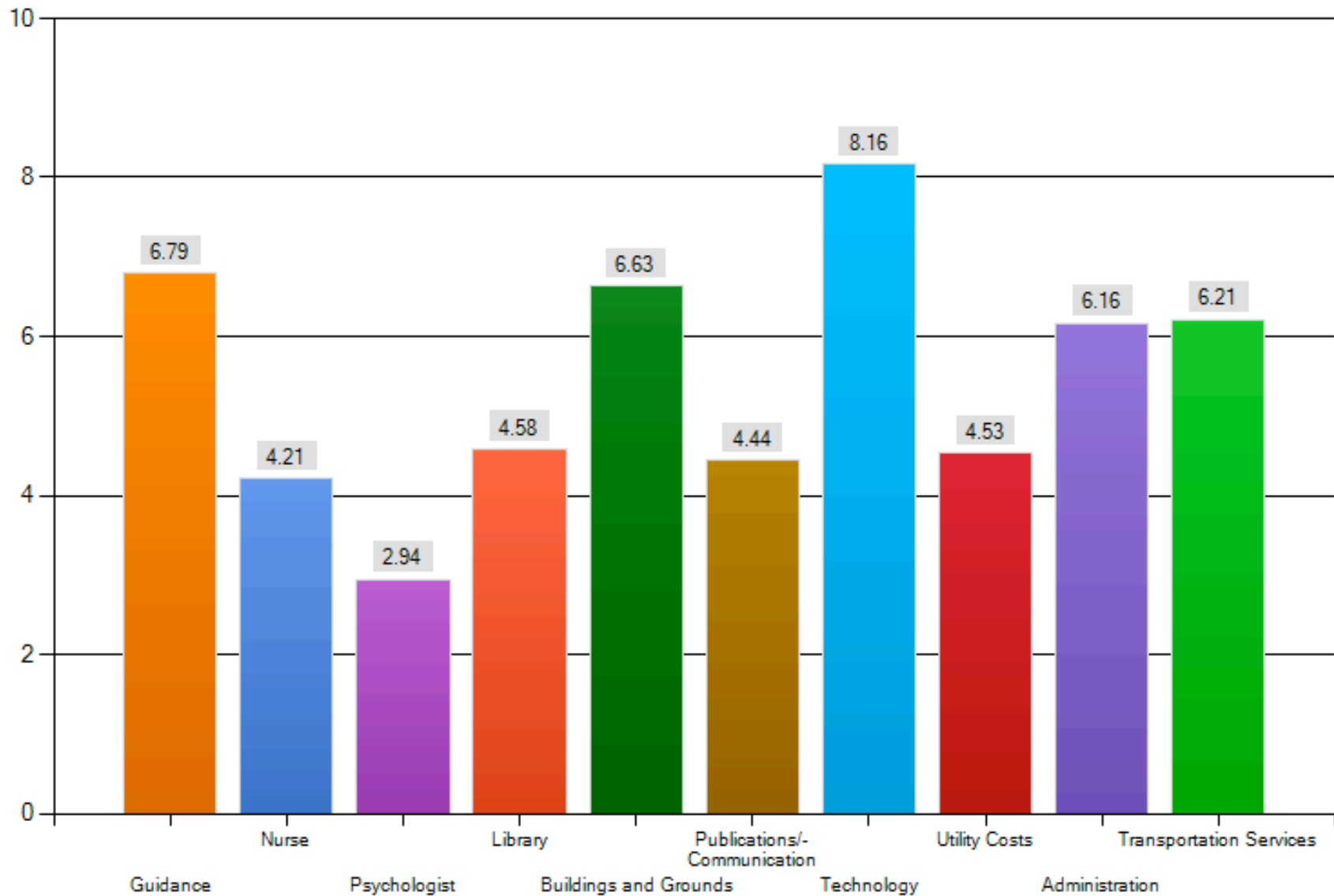
Please rank these areas of expenditure in terms of their importance to you.



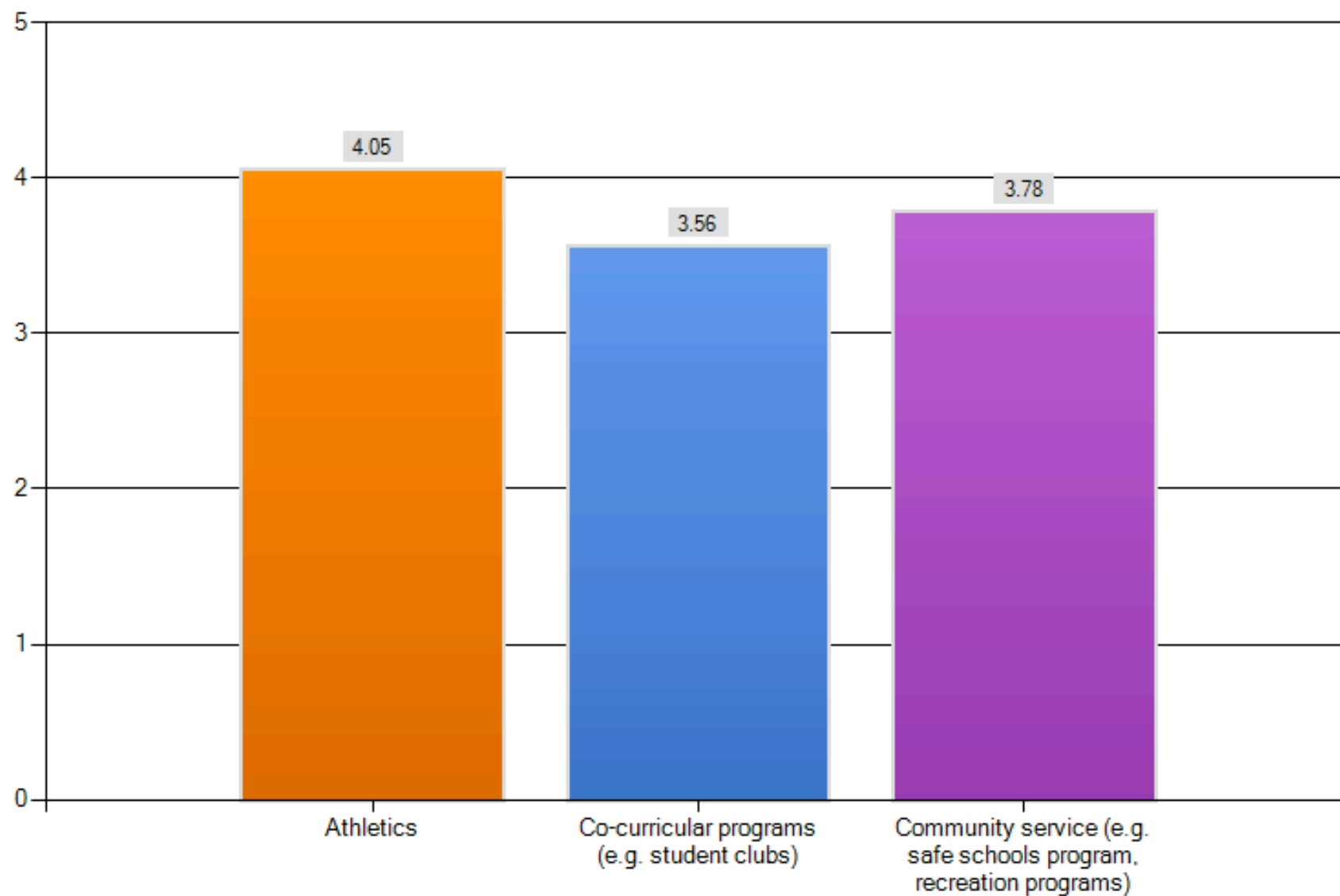
The largest percentage of Governor Mifflin School District's expenditure, 52%, is allocated to instructional services. Within this function, there are approximately nine categories. Please rate these categories in terms of their importance to you.



Support services comprise 28% of the district's expenditure. Within this function, there are approximately 10 categories. Please rank the categories in terms of their importance to you.



Non-Instructional operations comprise 2% of the district's expenditure. Within this field, there are three main categories: athletics, co-curricular and community service. On a scale of 1-5, please rank these categories according to their importance to you.



Cost saving opportunities may be a possibility in the following areas. Please indicate the areas in which you feel opportunities are available for possible cost savings.

