



Our **vision** is to provide high-quality educational opportunities that inspire a community of learners

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Our **mission** is to develop engaged, well-balanced learners through collaborative, caring relationships

Acton-Boxborough Resource Center

May 18, 2023

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Agenda

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- Community Demographics
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- Funding Sources and Staffing
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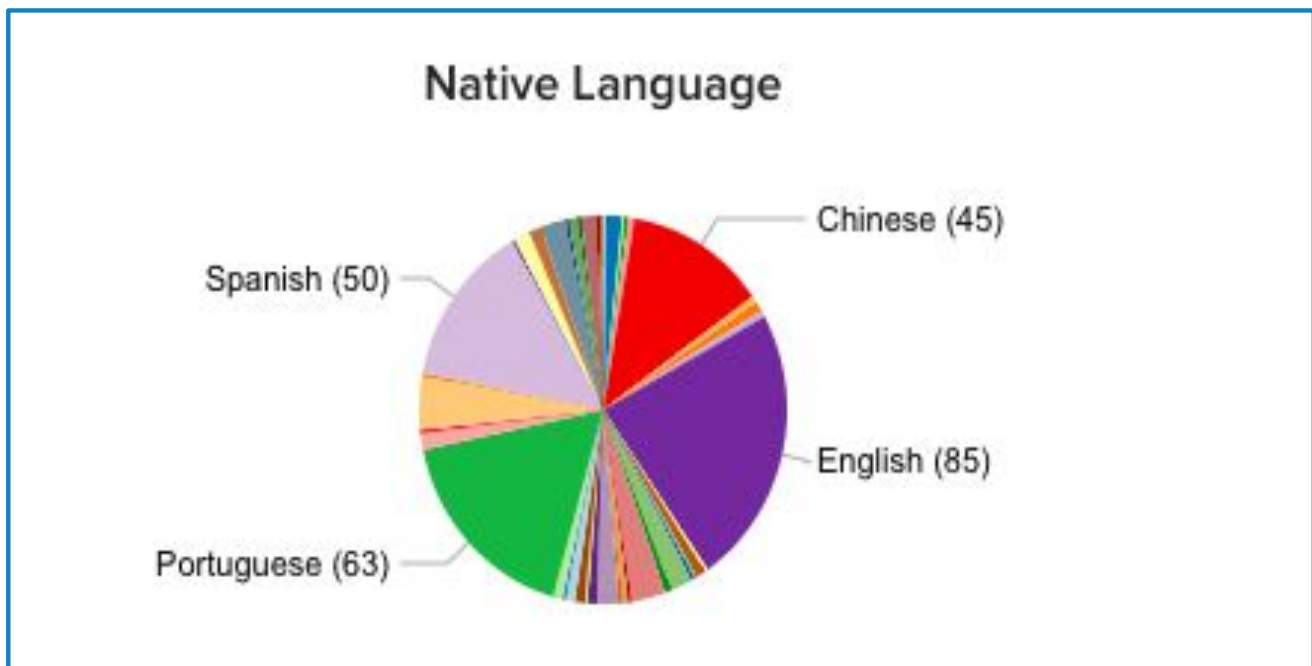
Overview

Recognizing the increasingly complex needs of families, a key priority for Acton-Boxborough Regional School District leadership is to create a **central location** where Acton and Boxborough residents can access **school registration services** (including language screening), alongside information about **local community resources**.

Special emphasis will be placed on **assisting families** with language barriers, those joining the community from abroad, and families that would benefit from additional community-based services and supports beyond those offered in the schools.

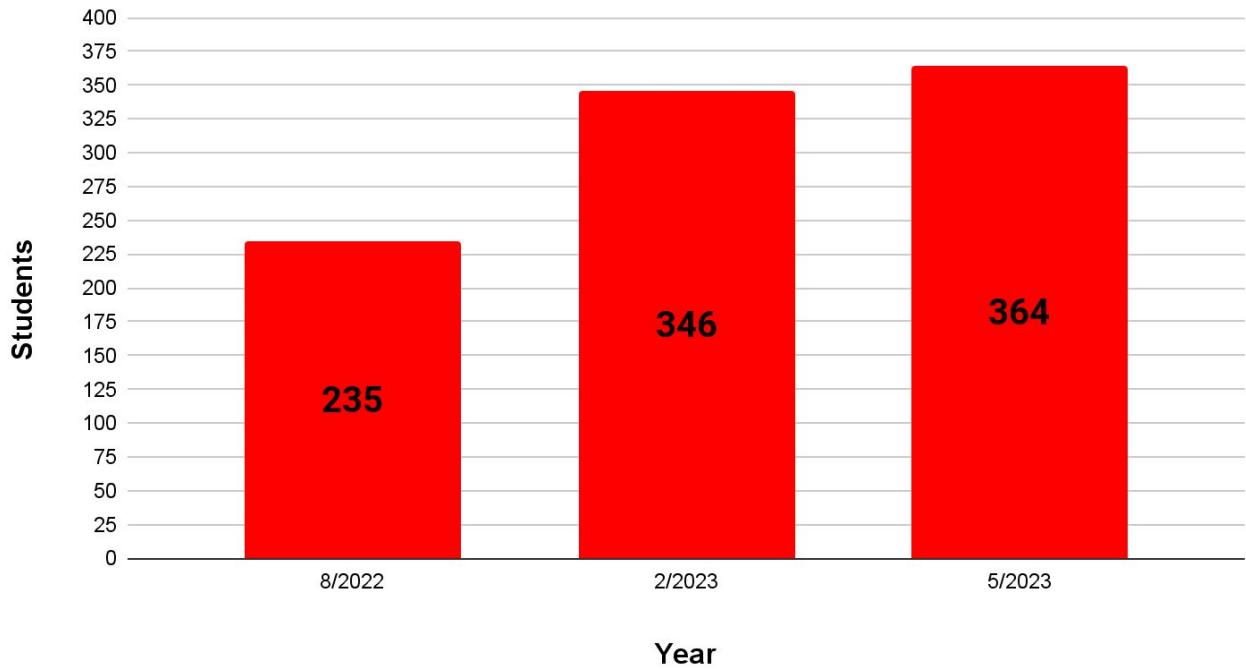
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Demographics



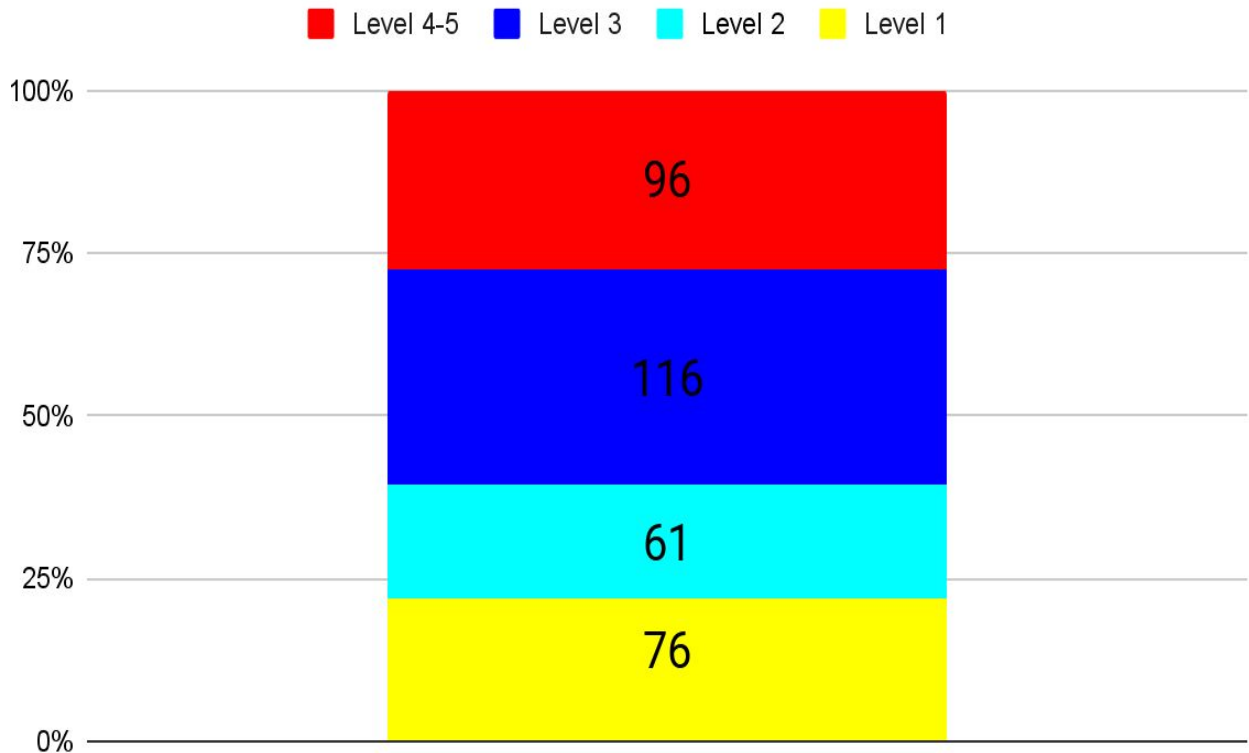
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Total Number of Multilingual Learners (preK-12)



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Proficiency Levels K-12



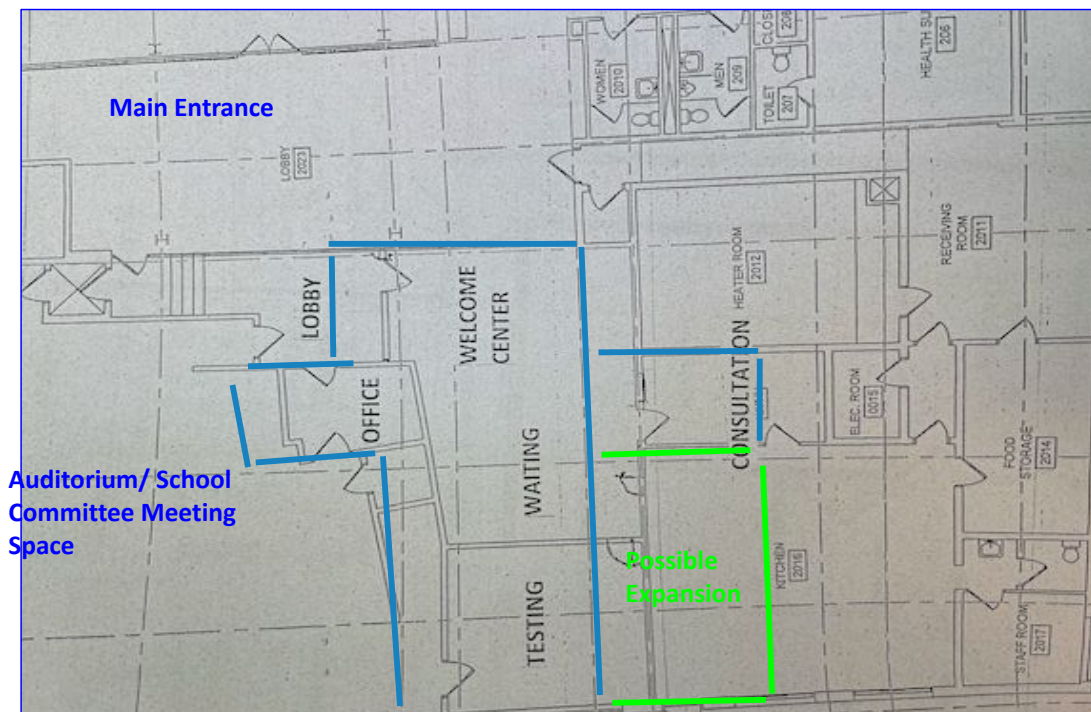
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Facilities Update

- All identified spaces will be refreshed with paint and new carpeting.
- Creating a reception space in the waiting area.
- All identified spaces will be furnished and ready to welcome families.
 - Furniture, seating, and meeting space
 - Technology and audio/visual equipment
- Proposed completion date is July 1, 2023.

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Facilities Update



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Community Partnership

- Acton Boxborough United Way (ABUW) is eager to support this project as it closely aligns with ABUW's mission.
- Developing a formal partnership where ABUW serves as a contracted service provider for the District to oversee and provide a range of identified services and supports
- United Way's Services and Roles:
 - *Providing a warm welcome to the community*
 - *Helping residents find the resources when they need them*
 - *Making community resources accessible digitally*
 - *Supporting principals /counselors in providing non-school related help to families in need*
 - *Leveraging ABUW's relationships with community partners to bring services to families*
 - *Enriching community connections*

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Funding Sources and Staffing

- Submitted \$100,000 earmark funding request to Senator Eldridge's state budget to further enhance facilities and increase staffing; received favorable updates thus far
- Allocated funds from dissolution of EDCO membership to begin the facilities upgrade
- Continuing role of current K-6 registrar and reallocating office to resource center
- Level of services through ABUW partnership is likely dependent on results of earmark request

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Future Proposed Phases

Phase 2 may include:

- **Donation center** for families to collect items that they require for daily needs which can help alleviate some of the financial pressures faced by families. It can provide them with essential items that they may not be able to afford otherwise, and it can also offer a sense of community support during difficult times.
- **Educational programming** for families geared toward language acquisition, American culture and schooling.
- Health clinics, fairs, and functions that support community **health education and access.**

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Comments & Questions

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