

Bromwell CSC Recommendations
2012-2013 School Year

- A. Per the DPS budget, there will be less per-student funding in 2012-2013. Although Bromwell's total budget is relatively flat (due to the PTA grant of \$175,000), there is an increase in the non-discretionary portion of the budget, and a corresponding decrease in the discretionary portion.
- B. The Bromwell CSC budgetary recommends the following:
 - 1. Modify the PE and LMC (library and media center) staffing to 0.5 FTE each (was 1.0 FTE each)
 - a. This difficult recommendation is felt to be a necessary modification to create a financially sustainable budget for 2012-2013 and future years
 - b. This change will affect only the non-teaching responsibilities of the PE and LMC positions; non-teaching responsibilities and duties will be made up through other means
 - c. This will not reduce the amount of instructional time students receive overall
 - 2. Increase paraprofessional hours from 24 hours to 37 hours weekly
 - a. This is felt to be a necessary modification to effectively address class size, and create the most effective learning environment for all students
 - 3. Keep other "specials" unchanged
 - a. The amount of time that students spend in all specials is 300 minutes per week; that amount will remain unchanged for 2012-2013
 - b. Most specials are consolidated into 2.5 days weekly; we recommend modifying those to 5 half-days weekly
 - c. This modification will create less fragmentation in classroom schedules, simplify "travel time" for students, and create larger blocks of uninterrupted teaching time, which will benefit all students
 - 4. Increase psychology counseling on-campus time to 2 days per week (in accordance with DPS recommendations)
- C. The CSC prioritized its budgetary responsibilities as follows:
 - 1. Make recommendations that will maximize educational opportunities for all students
 - 2. Continue to address the important topic of class size relief through all appropriate mechanisms (this benefits all students)
 - 3. Continue to support teacher professional development (this benefits all students)
 - 4. Increase psychology counseling on-campus time to 2 days per week (in accordance with DPS recommendations)

In summary: the Bromwell CSC feels that these recommendations and changes, although difficult, are necessary in order to maximize the learning opportunities for all students, given the budgetary restraints that exist for the 2012-2013 school year and future years.