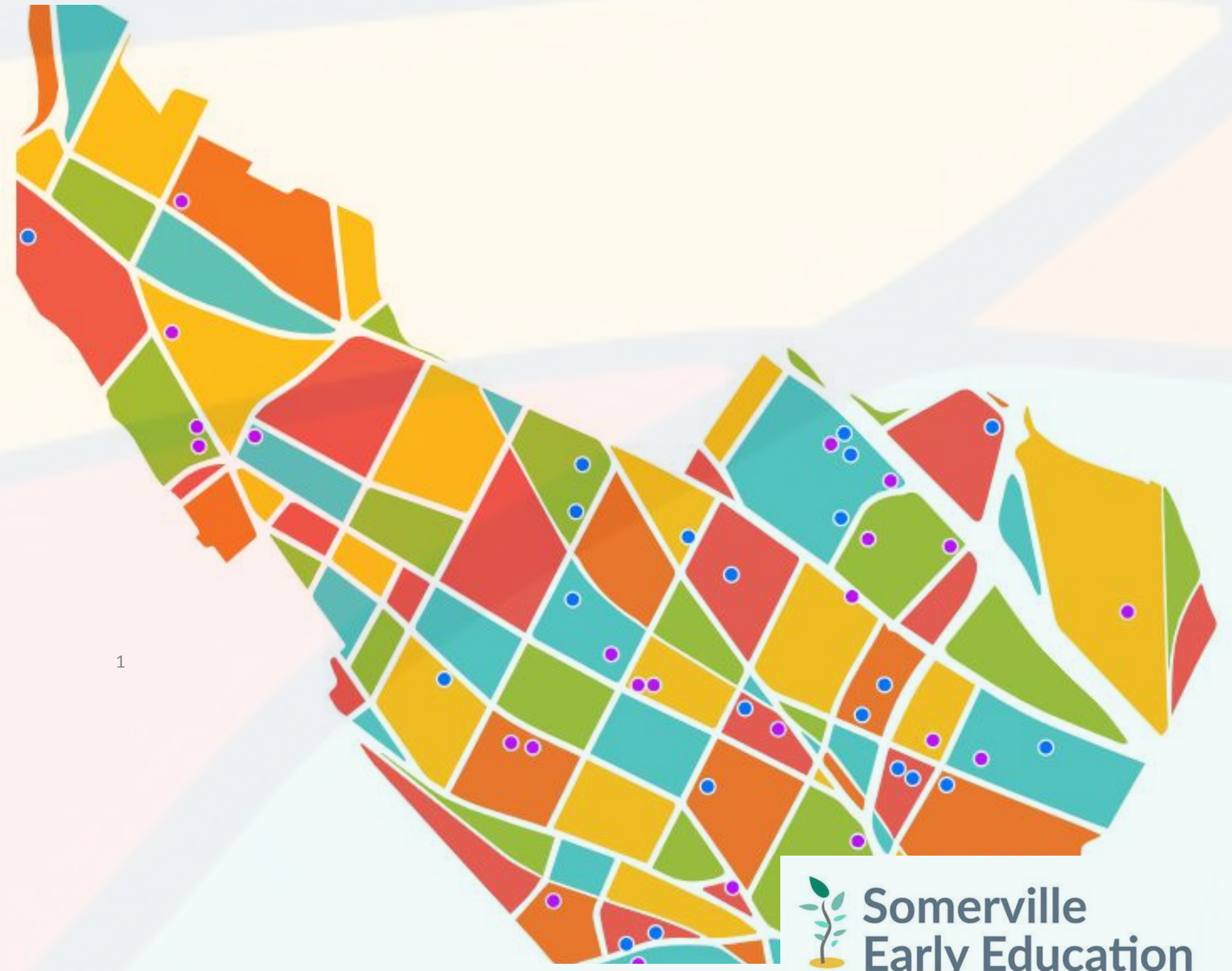


Building Pathways to School Readiness in Somerville

School Committee Presentation
November 25, 2024



A Story of Impact



Identified needs, including a speech delay.



Identified barriers like work schedules and transportation challenges.



Referred via SFLC to SomerPromise's tuition support program.



Minimized transitions through on-site speech services at the partner center.



Entered kindergarten ready to succeed.

Interconnected system has a broad reach and significant impact

570 children	80 teachers
40 classrooms citywide.	7 additional Head Start classrooms

SY23-24 Targeted Interventions

- **33** referrals for intervention support.
- **25** students received on-site special education services at 6 centers.
- **12** students in 8 SPS buildings received intensive behavior support.

SY24-25 Growing Demand & Early Impact

- 20 referrals for intervention support by November.
- Onboarding of an Occupational Therapist (OT).



Interventions made early and often effectively mitigate the need for more intense interventions later.



- Early Identification and Screening.
- Tiered Supports: Universal, targeted, and individualized interventions.
- On-Site Delivery of Services.

Supporting Educators to Enhance Outcomes

High-quality Curriculum & Materials
Coaching & Professional Development

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“The people are sitting on the ground by the animals. There are stars in the sky”

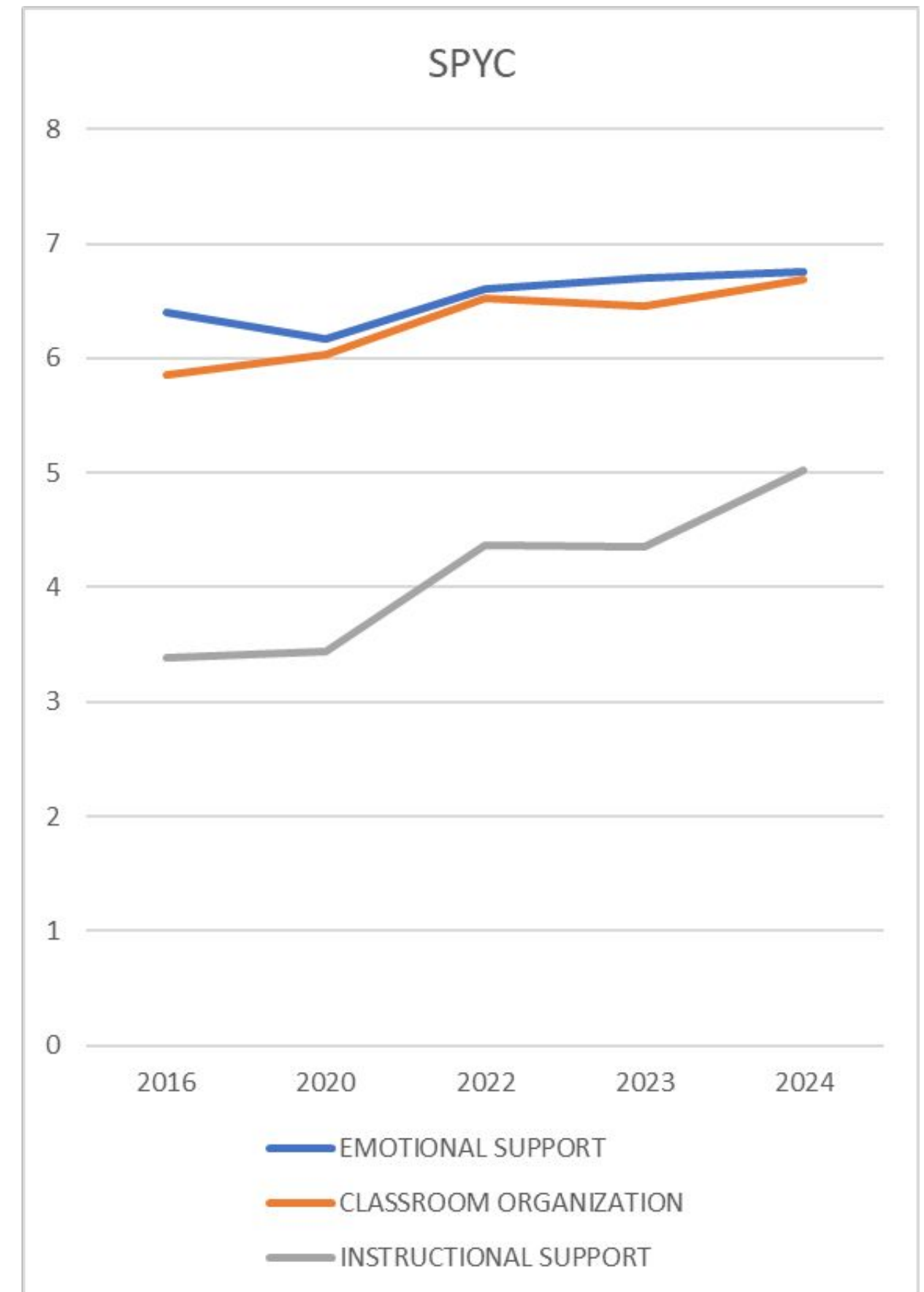
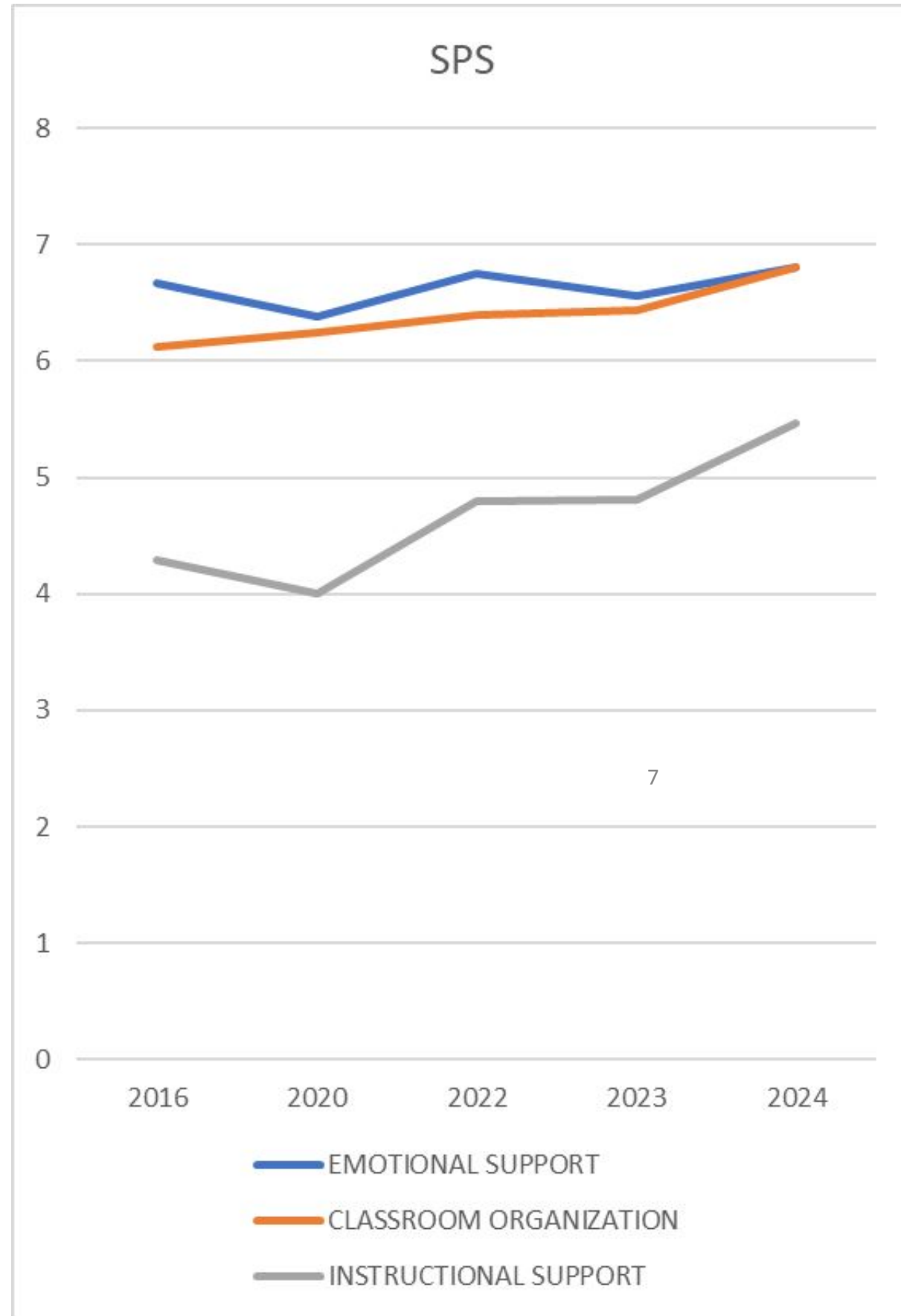
Collaborative Practices

When itinerant providers and teachers collaborate, it positively impacts both the teachers and, ultimately, the students.

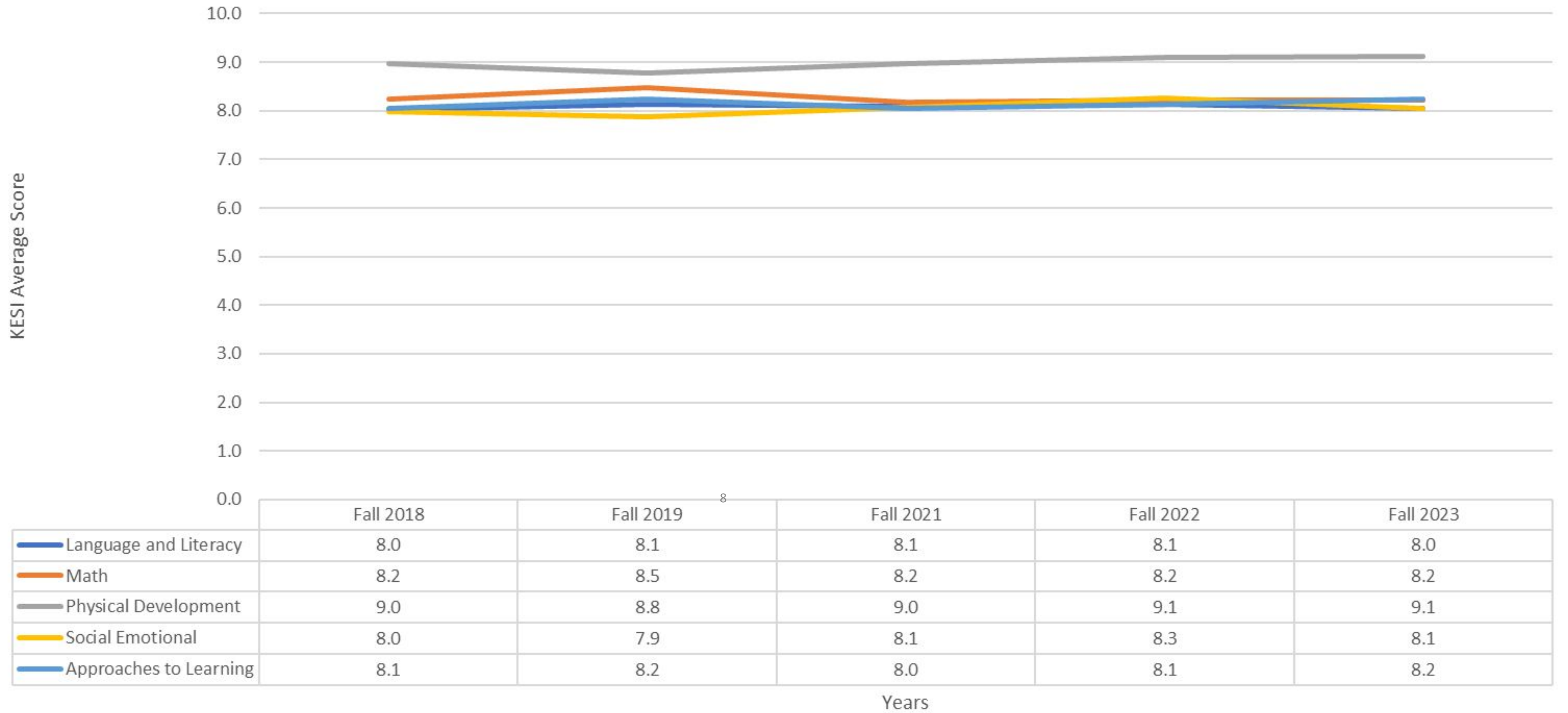


Tracking Progress and Results

Increase in quality of adult-child interactions and instructional support since 2016.



Children have been consistently meeting standards in each domain since Fall 2018



— Language and Literacy
 — Math
 — Physical Development
 — Social Emotional
 — Approaches to Learning

Barriers and Our Model's Solution

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Key Barriers:

- Workforce disparities
- Geographic accessibility
- Complex systems
- Continuity of care

Solution:

- Delivering services directly to students to eliminate inequities.



Investing in the Future

Strategic Vision

- Build more partnerships.
- Expand early intervention and MTSS services.
- Strengthen alignment for smooth kindergarten transitions.

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Together, we build a future where every child thrives.



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