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## Department of Education

# Due Process Unit Update

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September 6, 2024

- Increase in number of cases processed for Mediations, Due Process Hearings and Complaints.
- Implementation of New Legislation 23-137
- Lessons Learned from the Due Process Unit



# Complaints

Total Complaints Filed

210  
180  
150  
120  
90  
60  
30  
0

94

161

207

210

YEAR

2021

2022

2023

2024

Resolved without Corrective Action

24

32

33

18

Resolved with Corrective Action

29

46

52

38

Dismissed

15

38

56

40

Withdrawn

26

40

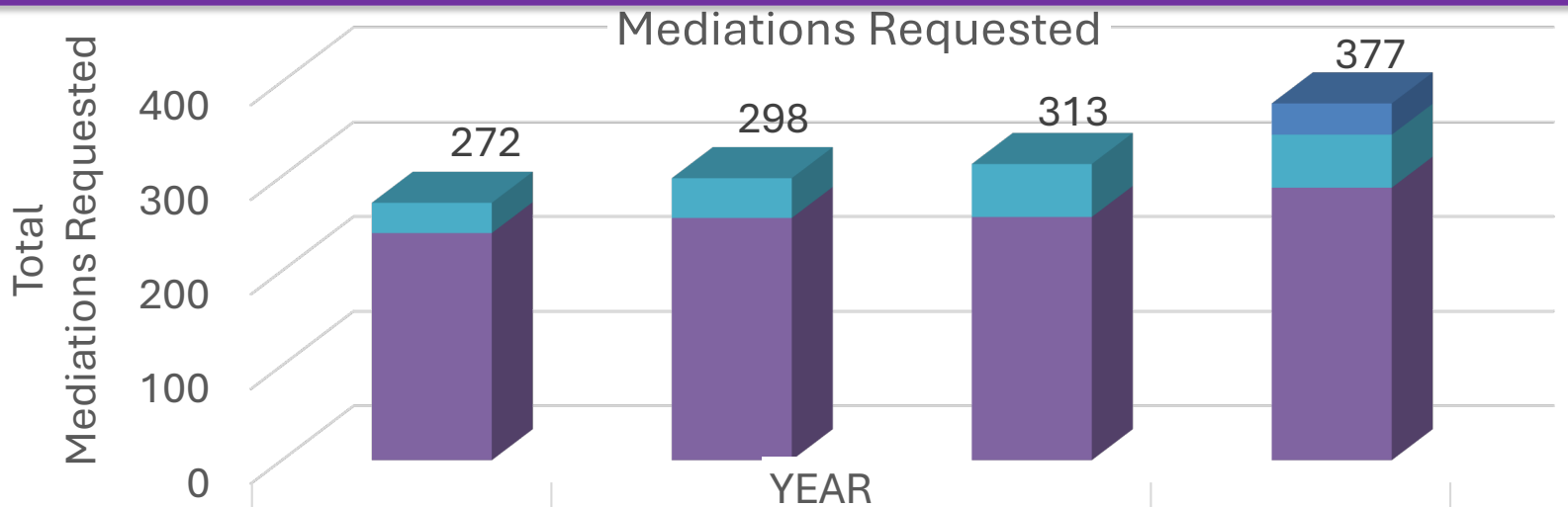
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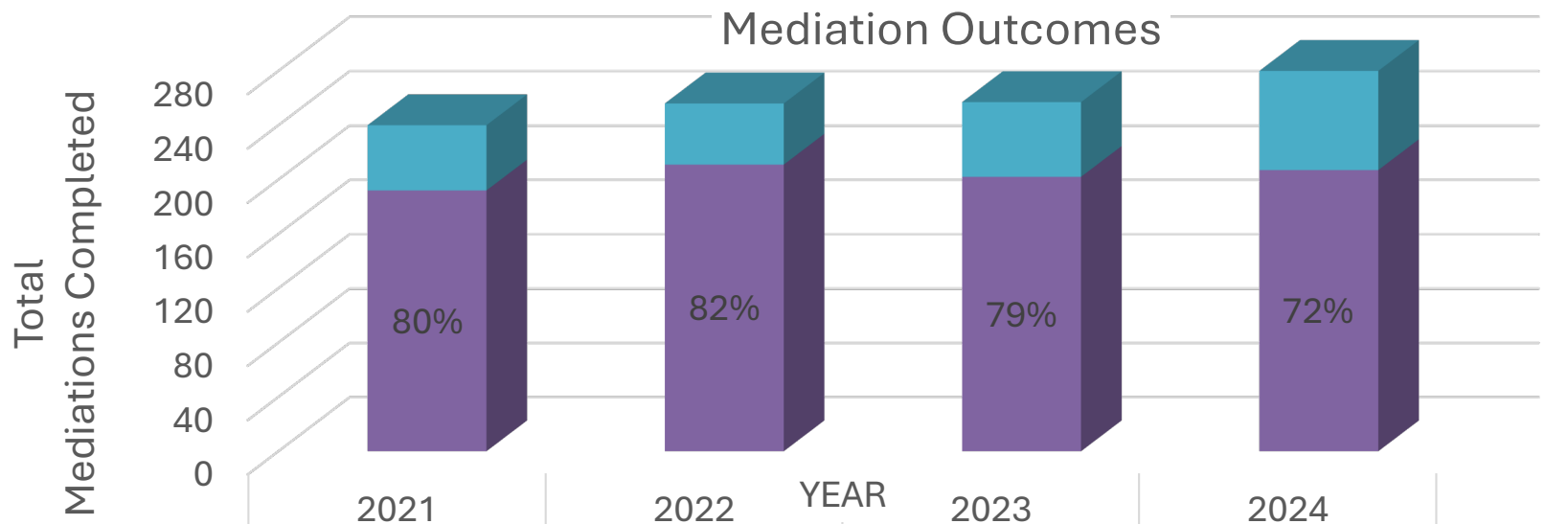
Active

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	2021	2022	2023	2024
Resolved without Corrective Action	24	32	33	18
Resolved with Corrective Action	29	46	52	38
Dismissed	15	38	56	40
Withdrawn	26	40	61	46
Active				57

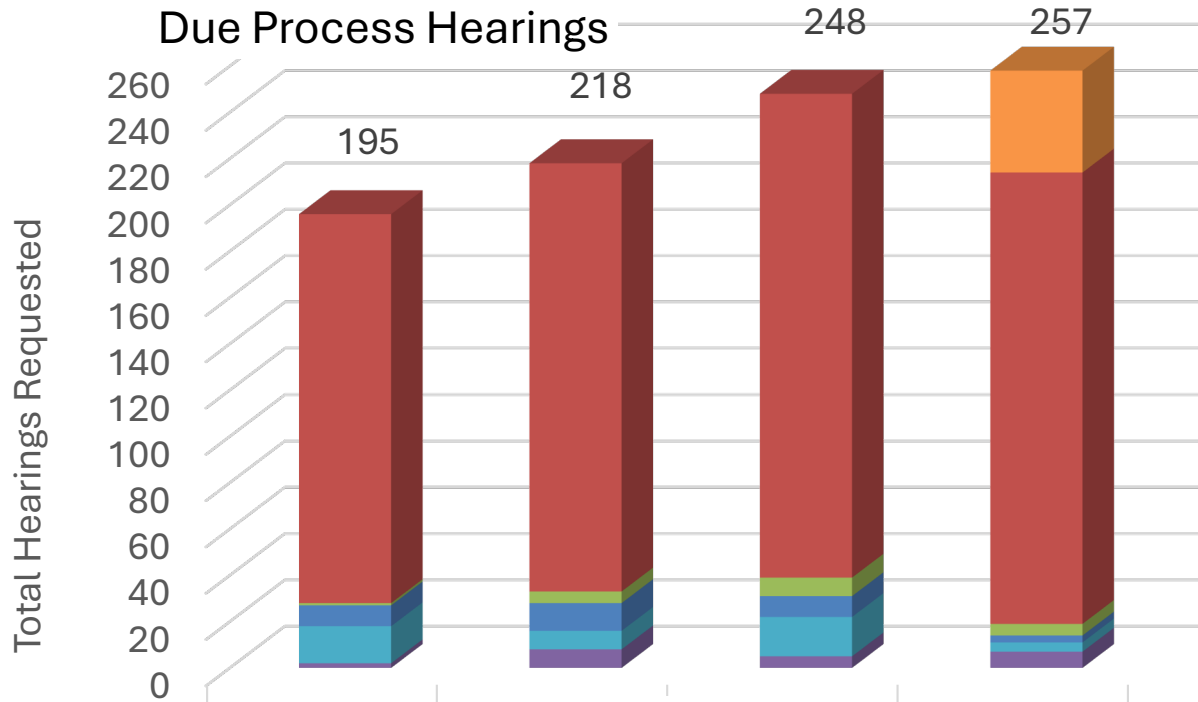


■ Mediations in Process				33
■ Mediations Withdrawn	32	42	56	56
■ Mediations Conducted	240	256	257	288



■ No Agreements	48	45	55	81
■ Agreements	192	211	202	207

# Due Process Hearings



	2021	2022	YEAR 2023	2024
Currently Active				44
Withdrawn Before Hearing	168	185	209	195
Withdrawn During Hearing	1	5	8	5
Fully Adjudicated	9	12	9	3
Dismissed	16	8	17	4
Consolidated	2	8	5	7

## Fully Adjudicated Cases

	2021	2022	2023	2024
District Prevailed	6	7	3	3
Parent Prevailed	2	4	6	0
District/Parent Prevailed	1	1	0	0
Pro Se Parent	8	8	3	3

# New Legislation PA 23-137

- Hearing Implications: Board presents first in Due Process Hearings
- Mediation Implications:
  - Training
  - Feedback and evaluations
  - Availability



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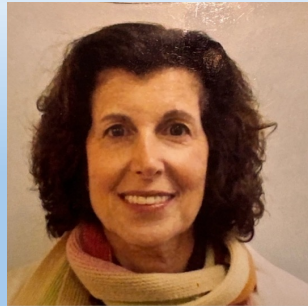
Jason Harper



Susan Kaplan



Ann Paul



Kimberly Schulist



Elaine Talley



Crystal Williams



# Lessons Learned from DPU

- Implementing the IEP
- Discipline
- IEEs at public expense
- Decision maker in the room
- Mediation preparation
- Communication







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Thank You!

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