FOR ACTION: Fee Increase for School Age Care After-School Program

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of School Trustees review and approve a fee increase of $2.50 per week ($32.50 to $35.00 per week) for full time after-school Extended Day Care effective August 1, 2008.

Background Information

_Beyond the Bell_ has been running an After-School Academic Program for students referred for additional skill building. With Bell Program dollars ending August 2008, we are proposing an increase in fees to support the merger of the Bell Project into the sustained after-school Extended Day Program. This merger will occur in Summit and Templeton Elementary Schools. A third school may be chosen.

The Bell Project is an academic based program. Bell was designed with community partners to help our students improve their academic skills by participating in after-school enrichment activities and some free time. The Extended Day Program is an adult designed, child-choice after-school program supporting a student’s recreational, social, academic, and emotional needs.

By combining the programs – (Name yet to be chosen) – we maintain progress, provide consistent programming, and encourage a wider variety of activities within what is now Extended Day.

Program fees for Extended Day have remained competitive and affordable. Fee increases were approved in 1991, 1998 and 2003. The increase in fees will help provide the supplies necessary for the additional students and partner activities. Low income families that meet grant qualifications will be able to apply for financial assistance from the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) to participate. The CCDF is administered through FSSA (Family and Social Services Administration) and the Community Alliance and Services for Young Children (CASY).