FOR ACTION: Fee Increases for School Age Care Programs

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of School Trustees review and approve a fee increase in the following program areas to be effective July 1, 2010.

- Increase School Year Enrollment Fee from $30.00 to $35.00 per family.
- Increase full time Early Riser (before school) care from $25.00 to $30.00 per child/per week.
- Increase part time Early Rise (before School) care from $7.50 to $8.50 per child/per morning.
- Increase ALPS full time Study Hall from $15.00 to $25 per child/per week.
- Increase ALPS part time Study Hall from $4.00 to $7.00 per child/per afternoon.
- Increase half-day fees from $17.50 to $20.00 per child/per afternoon.

Background Information

Program fees for Extended Day have remained competitive and affordable. Fee increases were approved in 1991, 1998, 2003 and 2008.

During the 2009 school year School Age Care experienced a deficit of $132,000. With the approved increases, the deficit will be returned to the MCCSC General Fund and the financial future for a balanced revenue and expenditure picture in position.

The increase in fees will help maintain the staff and supplies necessary for all program 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 Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) and the Community Alliance and Services for Young Children (CASY).