

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

February 12, 2008

Extended School Day Report

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Extended School Day program for the 2007-2008 school year. The report will also provide information on program enrollment, registration, scholarships and space availability at each campus, as well as the number of students currently on the waiting list.

Objectives

- To discuss and provide information on Extended School Day student enrollment at the campuses (see attachments)
- To provide information on the Extended School Day waiting list at the various elementary campuses.

Extended School Day maintains a student waiting list for each campus in the order the parents have contacted the Extended School Day program. Once a space becomes available the parents are contacted and allowed two days from the date of our phone call to register their child for the program.

The Extended School Day program is based on the number of allotted slots that have been assigned to the grade levels that we currently serve. The current number of slots available for each grade level is listed below:

- Kindergarten 16:1
- First grade 16:1
- Second & Third 22:1
- Fourth & Fifth 22 :1
- Larger campuses may have additional sections added at 15:1 based on space.

The student/staff ratio is based on several different criteria. During our research for the Extended School Day program we found that the maximum group ratio in other programs would range anywhere from 10:1 all the way up to 22:1. If the program was a licensed facility by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Service then the maximum enrollment per campus could only be a total of 50 students.

The Extended School Day program has always strived to provide a high quality program, while continuing to examine the best possible methods of meeting the needs of our district and community.

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- Scholarship information for the Extended School Day Program. (See attachments)

The Extended School Day program offers scholarship funds for parents that meet the criteria such as: free/reduce lunch, single household, number of children, and wage information. The information is used to determine the need of the scholarship and if awarded, pays for one-half of the monthly tuition on a pro-rated basis. Other forms of payment assistance are also available to parents.

- Registration changes

The current system in place is every parent re-enrolls their child (ren) each year on a first-come, first-serve basis, which gives everyone the opportunity to participate in the program. If returning students were allowed to pre-enroll then space availability at some campuses would be limited to no more than 5 or 6.

One suggestion on changing the registration process is to allow Denton ISD teachers the ability to pre-enroll for the Extended School Day program, prior to open enrollment. The teacher would be required to pay an enrollment fee and the first month's tuition as part of the pre-registration process. If the pre-enrollment day is missed then the teacher would have to register on the regularly scheduled open enrollment date.

Operational Impact

The Extended School Day Program is a fee based program that is self-funded and does not impact the district financially. The operational impact on the district is the use of the elementary schools on a day to day basis. The 2008-2009 budget impact will be hiring new staff, materials and equipment for the Dr. Annie Webb Blanton Elementary School. The Extended School Day department currently has two coordinators that directly supervise nine elementary schools each, a ratio of approximately four hundred students per coordinator. Due to the growth of Denton ISD and in order to continue to provide a quality and safe program an additional coordinator is needed. This addition is essential due to the number of existing schools, and to be proactive for future schools that will be built. Also, the designation of space to have at least a small office/closet area to better accommodate our staff and supplies/materials at future campus sites would be invaluable.

The commitment required from the District includes the necessary support to expand the existing and new Extended School Day programs within the elementary schools and to allow the program enough space on each campus to insure all needs and objectives are able to be met.

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Future Plans

Future plans for the Extended School Day program include some of the following:

- Curriculum on social skills and working with the campus counselors on a program component.
- Expand on our community presentation (i.e. Police Dept., Fire Dept. etc.)
- Have more parent involvement activities (special events)
- Have a special career day at each site throughout the year
- Expand our dance and music activities
- Have a public service activity for the year at each ESD campus
- Expand our enrichment programming
- Expand our field trips
- More involvement with the high school community service programs
- Look at having at least 5 laptop computers per campus

With the support of DISD we believe the Extended School Day program will continue to grow and be successful at each campus. We look forward to the aspect of growth and the enhancement of what the program can provide to the students in our district.

Middle School Teen-Net Program

Denton ISD Middle Schools “Teen-Net” is a program that was designed to ensure that our students have the opportunity for an educational, recreational and enrichment program. This program would provide a supervised environment that promotes educational competence, physical and social development, and community involvement.

This program was offered for the 2007-2008 school year; however there were not enough enrollments to provide the program. The enrollment numbers was as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>Registered</u>
Calhoun Middle School	3
Crownover Middle School	5
Mc Math Middle School	7
Navo Middle School	4
Strickland Middle School	0

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Extended School Day would like to re-try the “Teen Net” program at the new Tom Harpool Middle School for the 2008-2009 school year.

The program goals would be to accomplish the following needs:

- To provide educational, enrichment and recreational activities that develops each teen’s educational competence, physical and social development, and community involvement
- To provide an Extended Enrichment program to address the immediate safety needs of our students.
- To provide a flexible program that can fit the needs of the students and those of today’s busy parents.
- To help students better relate to others and recognize the differences that makes a person unique by working and playing together.

The middle school program would be a challenge, but the possibilities that can be accomplished with our students, would assist in making them successful, productive and better students. This program would assist working with parents and providing them with a safe supervised and structure program designed for teens.