FOR ACTION

Lisle Community Unit School District No. 202 Board of Education Meeting February 24, 2025

SUBJECT: Student Fees and Facility Usage Rates for 2025-2026 School Year

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends that the Board approve the recommended student fee schedule and facility usage rates.

BACKGROUND DATA: Attached are the recommended student fees for the 2025-2026 school year. The fee schedule includes a waiver of the books/supplies fee for another year. The school district will utilize existing fund balance for technology purchases, software subscriptions, and other instructional materials.

Included for reference is a schedule showing the student fees for the past five years along with the proposed fees. Historically, the increase in fee rates has been closely tied to the increase in the prior year's Consumer Price Index (CPI). For the calendar year 2024, the CPI increase was 2.9%. The recommended usage fee increases for most items for 2025-2026 are based upon the 2.9% increase rounded to the nearest dollar.

Explanations for items not tied to CPI are as follows:

<u>P.E. Uniforms</u> – The cost of the physical education uniform (shorts and shirt) will not be increased based on the prices charged by the uniform vendor.

<u>Student Parking</u> – Based on the following survey of neighboring districts, and feedback from the Finance Committee at the February 2024 meeting, the student parking fee will be reduced to \$70 per semester.

School District	Parking Fee SY24-25
Lisle 202	\$160
Downers Grove 99	\$175
Wheaton-Warrenville 200	\$150
Westmont 201	\$143
Naperville 203	\$100
Indian Prairie 204	\$150
Elmhurst 205	\$156

<u>Drivers Education Fees</u> – In accordance with Public Act 97-0145, the school district may charge a maximum fee of \$250 without seeking a waiver from the Illinois State Board of Education. As a result, the fee for the 2025-2026 school year will remain at \$250.

<u>Busing of Ineligible Students</u> – According to Board Policy 4:110 – Transportation, the Board may establish and charge a fee for those students who are not eligible for free transportation. According to the most recent Annual Claim for Pupil Transportation Reimbursement through the Illinois State Board of Education, the cost to transport noneligible pupils at District 202 is approximately \$422.

<u>Breakfast and Lunches</u> – Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) is a requirement under Section 205 of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 for all schools with pricing programs that participate in National School Lunch Program. The purpose of PLE is to increase PAID meal prices to be more equal with funds brought in from free and reduced-price meal reimbursements. PLE is NOT required if the district charged the required USDA Target Rate of \$3.85 for paid lunches. The maximum charge allowed for reduced student meals is 30 cents for breakfast and 40 cents for lunch.

The PLE Calculation Tool for the 2025-2026 school year is not yet available. Based on last year's target meal rate of \$3.85, Lisle 202 would most likely require at least a \$.10 increase in the lunch price. Based on the Meal Rates analysis attached to this write-up, the administration is recommending the school lunch price be increased by \$.25 to \$3.65 for the 2025-2026 school year. This will help move the paid lunch rate closer to the per meal rate being charged by Chartwells.

The school breakfast price will increase by \$.05 for the 2025-2026 school year.

<u>Milk A La Carte</u> – The price of a la carte milk was increased to \$.65 last year. The price will remain at \$.65 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Explanations for additional items related to the fee schedule are as follows:

<u>Athletic Contest Admission</u> – The Illinois Central Eight athletic conference sets the admission prices for adults and students at athletic events. As a result, the athletic contest charges are not included on the fee schedule. Currently ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and \$3 for senior citizens. Lisle 202 students are admitted free to all regular season home games.

<u>Fall Play and Spring Musical Ticket Prices</u> – Starting next school year, the administration would like to implement a tiered ticket pricing structure for the Fall Play and Spring Musical to encourage early purchases and assist with planning logistics. Under this model, tickets purchased at least one week in advance will remain at the current pricing levels, while tickets purchased within the week of the show will be subject to a price increase. This early purchase incentive will help us better anticipate audience size and optimize program printing costs. The price change also helps offset inflation and increased costs associated with online ticketing. Student ticket prices have not been increased in well over five years. The adult ticket prices were last revised in the 2023-2024 school year by a few dollars.

The following table reflects the proposed pricing structure for the Fall Play and Spring Musical:

Ticket Type	Early Purchase Price^	Regular Price
Adult	\$10	\$15
Student/Senior	\$5	\$8

^ At least one week prior to the show

<u>Technology Center of DuPage (TCD)</u> – Fees for TCD are generally \$100 per course with the exception of Cosmetology, which is \$500 for year 1 and \$450 for year two. Although District 202 does not set the fee, the E3 Committee recommended starting with the 2017-2018 school year that the School District cover all but \$100 of the student fees per year for Cosmetology to align with the other courses and encourage students to take the course.

In response to the Finance Committees request at the February 2017 meeting, the following table includes a five-year history of enrollment figures for TCD:

Description	School Year				
	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
Technology Center of DuPage (TCD)					
Multimedia & Television Production	-	3	1	1	2
Early Childhood Education & Care	1	-	2	3	-
Medical Terminology & Healthcare Careers	-	1	-	-	4
Nursing Assistant Training Program	2	3	1	1	-
Culinary, Pastry Arts & Hospitality Mgmt.	2	5	5	1	2
Cosmetology	3	3	5	5	5
Computer Info Systems & Game Design	-	2	3	2	1
Robotics and Automation Tech	-	-	1	1	-
Criminal Justice	4	2	-	3	2
Fire Science / Emergency Medical Technician	1	2	1	1	5
Welding Technology	-	1	3	3	2
Intro to Engineering Design (IED) / Pre-		-	-	-	-
Architecture					
Auto Body Repair & Refinishing	-	1	1	-	-
Automotive Technology	-	7	9	5	1
HVAC&Refridge/Res Wiring	1	3	1	-	-
Construction Trades	1	-	-	1	-
Manufacturing, CNC, Machinery Tech	-	-	-	-	3
Grand Total	15	33	33	27	27

<u>High School Industrial Arts, Art, Photography, and Home Economics</u> – Starting with the 2017-2018 school year, the E3 Committee recommended reducing the fees for Industrial Arts, Art, Photography, and Home Economics to align with other fees in the schedule and possibly engage students who are often underserved in public schools.

In response to the Finance Committees request at the February 2017 meeting, the following table includes a five-year history of enrollment figures for these programs at the High School:

Description	School Year				
	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
Lisle Senior High School					
Art	102	102	105	89	94
Home Economics - Foods	50	61	81	62	88
Industrial Arts	26	21	28	25	28
Photography (1 and 2)	27	35	30	26	19

Administration is also recommending the attached Facility Usage Rates. The recommended rates remained the same for the 2024-2025 school year. All rates will be increased by \$5 increments in the 2025-2026 school year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The revenue generated through student usage fees for the FY2026 budget is projected to be approximately \$100,000. Lunch and breakfast receipts are projected to be approximately \$230,000 for School Year 2025-2026. Facility rental fees are anticipated to be around \$2,500.

At last month's Finance Committee meeting, a Board member inquired about the potential property tax savings if the School District reinstated student fees and reduced the tax levy by the same amount. Based on current estimates, the books and supplies fees, if not waived, would generate approximately \$230,000. Applying this reduction to the anticipated 2024 tax levy would result in estimated savings of \$37 for the owner of a \$400,000 home.

SUGGESTED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve the recommended Student Fee Schedule and Facility Usage Rates for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.