



**PROSPECT HEIGHTS DISTRICT 23
BOARD OF EDUCATION
INFORMATION ITEM**

Date: December 12, 2024
Subject: Recommendation of Extended Day Program Fees for the 2025-26 School Year
Contact: Amy McPartlin, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

BACKGROUND:

Annually, the Board of Education reviews the current fees charged for the Extended Day Program (EDP) and considers whether to maintain the current fee structure, increase fees or decrease fees for the following year.

Last year, Administration surveyed neighboring districts to gain an understanding of comparable costs. In doing so, it became apparent that a tuition increase was necessary to bring our monthly fees more in alignment with our neighbors.

Programmatically, the start of the 2024-25 school year has gone well and our participatory numbers are strong. Current AM numbers are close to approximately 35 students and afternoon numbers are approximately 130 students at Ross/Sullivan with an additional 40 at MacArthur.

EDP Director, Kris Lebrecht, and the Business Office have continued to ensure that a financially stable, quality program remains a priority. They have worked to expand the offerings and opportunities of the Program while providing a safe and harmonious environment for our students.

Last year, we were thrilled to partner with a parent who also teaches Italian at Rolling Meadows High School. During the second half of the year, he and a colleague volunteered their time and joined the program on a weekly basis to provide some basic Italian language lessons. We are excited to welcome Professor Bondi back after the Holidays to share his love for the Italian language with the students.

As we look towards the 2025-26 school year, Kris will continue to look for innovative ways to enhance the program and remains optimistic about the program's operations. Staffing and capacity will be reviewed and any potential programmatic changes will be shared with the Board in advance of the 2025-26 school year.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the recent study with neighboring districts, the Business Office and Director of EDP are recommending an increase in the monthly fee in alignment with the year end, December CPI rate. (Currently projected to be between 2-3.5%)