

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Troy Cloum, Chief Financial Officer
RE: 2026-2027 Fee Proposal
DATE: April 21, 2026

Interested providers, the Lafayette Family YMCA (YMCA) and Discovery After School (Discovery), responded to the Request for Proposals (RFP) in a timely manner. The YMCA submitted all required documents, criteria, and certifications, which are available for review and approval.

The Discovery proposal, while comprehensive in several areas, did not address all the requirements of the RFP. In addition, the proposal was addressed to a school district in Wisconsin and referenced compliance with policies and laws applicable to a school district in Texas, rather than Indiana.

Proposed Service Locations

- YMCA: Amelia Earhart, Edgelea, Glen Acres, Miami, Miller, Oakland, Vinton, Sunnyside Intermediate, and other interested Lafayette School Corporation (LSC) schools
- Discovery After School: None specified

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Lafayette School Corporation continue Latch-Key services with the Lafayette Family YMCA. While the curricula provided by both organizations are comparable, the YMCA offers additional services and programming, including:

- Access to swimming pool programming at the YMCA's Creasy Lane facility
- Before-school care at Sunnyside Intermediate for the LIT program
- All-day care at Vinton Elementary on Fridays

Continuing services with the YMCA provides continuity of programming across LSC elementary schools. In addition, the YMCA offers scholarship assistance and Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) funding to qualifying families. When LSC is not in session due to inclement weather, participating students continue to receive services off-site at the YMCA facility.

Pricing – 2026-2027

Pricing reflects a \$5 increase for single-session Before-School or After-School care and a \$10 increase for combined Before- and After-School care. This represents the first rate increase since the 2022-2023 school year.

Fees	Full Week (4–5 days)	3 Days	2 Days
Before School Only	\$70	\$60	\$50
After School Only	\$85	\$75	\$65
Before and After	\$105	\$95	\$85

Financial Assistance

The YMCA affirms that every child will have access to a safe environment during non-school hours, regardless of a family’s ability to pay, through its *Open Door* scholarship program. In 2025, 39% of YMCA participants received financial assistance. Eligible families may also utilize CCDF assistance, as the YMCA is currently an approved CCDF provider.

Additionally, for the first time, the YMCA is offering LSC employees enhanced benefits, including a 50% discount, free registration fees, complimentary eLearning care, and free care during school breaks.

Statutory Authority

Indiana Code IC 20-26-5-2 requires each Indiana school corporation to offer a “Latch-Key” or school-age child care program for students in grades K-6 that operates, at a minimum, after the school day. The statute permits school corporations to contract with non-profit or for-profit organizations to operate such programs, provided the programs utilize school facilities.

Indiana Code IC 20-26-5-3, as added by Public Law 1-2005, Section 10, further requires that contracts for Latch-Key programs operated by external organizations be awarded through the competitive bidding process outlined in IC 5-22-9.