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**Introduction:** Pleasantdale School District prides itself on offering an excellent educational experience for a reasonable price. The bulk of the district's budget is spent on programs that have a direct impact on students. Our community values high-quality instruction. Therefore, over 60% of our district budget is allocated to teacher salaries and benefits, ensuring that the values of the community are well represented when creating our budget. Likewise, PSD 107 has the lowest tax rate in the township and has continued to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. To that end, the district has charged current users of district services for technology items and frequently-used school supplies (e.g. locks, calculators, assignment notebooks, etc.). Additionally, parents who choose to enroll their students in the Bright Beginnings preschool program pay tuition. Over the past several years we have streamlined our fees which resulted in greater convenience for our parents and improved efficiency for the business office. The following is information on this streamlined process.

**Registration Fees:** Beginning in the 2017-18 school year, the district implemented a four-year rollout of computing devices for students at both schools. In an effort to fulfill the goal of the district's technology committee, we sought to implement a financially sustainable technology program. This means the cost of the student devices were paid by parents through a fee. In Kindergarten and first grade, the district offered one device for every two students. Over the course of the last two years, the district has pivoted to providing all students with a personal computing device (iPad).

Four years ago the district acted on feedback from families and from our business office, which streamlined our fees and made the fee payment system less confusing. The ultimate goal of these changes was to create a single and more manageable fee for families while increasing efficiencies of the processing for our business office. In addition to the technology items, the new fees included items such as locks, calculators, and assignment notebooks. Because of this change, the fees are now considered registration fees.

If a family requires an additional lock or another item covered by the registration fee, these items will be sold in the school office.

**Recommendation:** The administration recommends no change for the 2023-24 school year registration fees. Below is a table that outlines the registration fees.

Grade	Registration Fee
Kindergarten	\$85.00
First Grade	\$85.00
Second Grade	\$85.00

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Third Grade	\$157.00
Fourth Grade	\$157.00
Fifth Grade	\$180.00
Sixth Grade	\$170.00
Seventh Grade	\$165.00
Eighth Grade	\$202.00

**Preschool Tuition:** The district hosts a Bright Beginnings preschool program that serves children who live within district boundaries and are three or four years old. The program aims to provide our community's three- and four-year-olds with an academic experience to help ensure success in kindergarten and beyond. The program hosts a five-day-a-week academic program and allows for either AM or PM options. The cost of the program is \$25.40 per day.

Bright Beginnings has been a popular option for our families, and the district often has a waiting list. In an effort to pass along modest tuition increases that helped the program keep pace with inflation, the Board agreed to an annual tuition increase of 2% with a 4% increase every fourth year. Again, these annual increases aim to keep pace with inflation and rising costs.

**Recommendation:** The administration recommends that the Board of Education support a two percent (2%) increase for Bright Beginnings tuition. This would bring the total cost of tuition to \$4,192. This increase aims to address the rising costs of the program and ensure we can provide a high-quality experience to our students.