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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. Over 75% of our district budget is allocated to teacher salaries, ensuring that the values of the community are well represented when creating our budget. Likewise, PSD107 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, goggles, etc.). Additionally, parents who choose to enroll their students in the Bright Beginnings preschool program pay tuition. In the coming school year, it is our goal to streamline our fees into a single registration fee which will result in greater convenience for our parents and improve business office efficiency. The following is information on this streamlined process.

Registration Fees: Over the course of the 2017-18 school year, the district implemented year two of a multiyear 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. In grades three through six each student had an individual device assigned. Additionally, in grade six, families had three options for the device. These options were:

- **Buy:** The yearly fee was \$180.00 per year (sixth through eighth grade) and upon graduation the device became the property of the family.
- **Rent:** The yearly fee was \$140.00 per year (sixth through eighth grade) and upon graduation the district retained ownership of the device.
- **Bring:** The yearly fee was \$50.00 per year (sixth through eighth grade) and the family supplied a device that met specific technical specifications.

Based on feedback from families and from our business office, the administration is recommending some changes for next school year. The goal of these changes is to create a single and more manageable fee for families while streamlining the process for our business office. The administration is proposing a single registration fee for all students in each grade. Families with students in grades six and seven would have two options buy and rent; however, the final purchase of the device would occur at the end of the eighth grade year. Families who selected the "bring" option would be grandfathered and allowed to continue with this plan. Additionally, items such as locks, calculators, and goggles will be included in this fee. This streamlined approach keeps more money in the pockets of our middle school families while still allowing families the option to purchase their child's school device upon graduation from 8th grade.

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The proposed registration fees can be found below.

Grade	Registration Fee
Kindergarten	\$73.00
First Grade	\$73.00
Second Grade	\$73.00
Third Grade	\$145.00
Fourth Grade	\$145.00
Fifth Grade	\$173.00
Sixth Grade	\$145.00
Seventh Grade	\$145.00
Eighth Grade (2018-19)	\$47.00
Eighth Grade (2019-20)*	\$192.00
*For reference only	

Sixth- through eighth-grade students would still have the option to purchase their device; however, the balance of the cost of the device (\$120.00, or the breakeven cost) will be due in January of the child's eighth grade year. Our first cohort of students who will have the option to buy their iPads are members of the class of 2019. Families with graduating 8th graders (in 2019) would have first availability to purchase their child's school iPad.

If a family requires an additional lock or another item covered by the registration fee, these items will be sold in the school office. We know that this new structure will allow parents with students in sixth through eighth grade more control over their options and does not lock them into any single option (e.g. device purchase).

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 goal of the program is to provide our community's three- and four-year-olds with an academic experience to help ensure success in kindergarten and beyond. The program allows parents to select either three or five days of preschool and either AM, PM, or full day options. The cost of the program

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is \$21.70 per day for the three-days program and \$20.75 per day for the five-days program. Bright Beginnings has been a very popular option for our families and the district often has a waiting list. During the 2014-15 school year, the Board approved a 5% tuition increase for full-week preschool and a 6% tuition increase for the partial-week program. 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%. Again, the goal of this annual increase is to keep pace with inflation and ensure that the costs of the program don't outpace the tuition fees the district is collecting. Below is a table that displays the tuition costs along with tuition increases for the last five years, as well as the recommended fee for 2018-19.

School Year	3 Day	% Increase	5 Day	% Increase
2013-14	\$2067	0%	\$3413	0%
2014-15	\$2067	0%	\$3413	0%
2015-16	\$2067	0%	\$3413	0%
2016-17	\$2190	6%	\$3580	5%
2017-18	\$2235	2%	\$3652	2%
2018-19	\$2280	2%	\$3725	2%