



**LAKE BLUFF  
SCHOOLS**  
DISTRICT 65

**TO:** Board of Education  
Dr. Lisa Leali, Superintendent

**FROM:** Jay Kahn, Director of Finance and Operations/CSBO

**DATE:** January 21, 2025

**RE:** 2025-26 Student Fees

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### **Recommendation**

Administration recommends that the Board increase the Pre-K tuition from \$4,500 to \$5,000 and would like Board direction on other school fees.

### **Background**

The administration annually recommends to the Board of Education the fees to be charged for the use of textbooks, consumable materials, extracurricular activities, and other school fees. Students will pay for loss of school books or other school-owned materials.

Property taxes charged to everyone in the community predominantly support the cost of running the school district (K-8). The fee philosophy is that the direct users of a service should bear a higher burden of the cost.

Fees are generally applied to various optional and enhancement components of the educational program. The revenue generated by these fees allows the District to provide enhanced services and programs. In addition, the Board charges fees for certain supply items that represent the actual cost of the item (PE uniforms, milk, field trips, etc.)

In order that no student is denied educational services due to the inability of parents/guardians to pay fees and charges, all fees may be waived for students who meet the eligibility criteria for fee waiver outlined in Board Policy 4:140.

### **Current Situation**

#### **Preschool Tuition – Administration recommends increasing the Pre-K tuition from \$4,500 to \$5,000**

- Preschool is an elective program that is not taxpayer funded.
- Pre-K programs are costly to run, with very low student to staff ratios.
- Our pre-K tuition is less than our comparable programs – the Lake Bluff Park District (\$5,350 in 25-26) and Lake Forest School District 67 (\$4,700 in 24-25) – and a bargain when compared to childcare in general.
- Many of the students in our program have been identified as requiring early intervention services and will only pay the regular school fee of \$210 instead of the tuition.
- The jump is large because we did not increase the fee last year.

**Registration (Material and Technology fees)** - Historically, the Board has absorbed about 1/3 of the cost of materials and technology and students have paid for the remaining 2/3. This fee includes the cost of educational software licenses and one to one tech devices and their repairs. With general inflation and the switch to iPads, **this calculation would suggest increasing the**

**fee from \$210 to \$220, however, the District can absorb this increase if the Board desires to hold fees constant.** With either fee level, we are in line with our comparable districts. None of our comparable districts has indicated that they are increasing fees this year.

Extracurricular activities – Extracurricular activities are the largest source of discretionary incremental expenses, comprised of stipends, transportation costs, entry fees, uniforms, and supplies. We have historically not charged a fee for clubs and elementary intramural sports.

**Administration recommends leaving activity fees unchanged.**

Transportation fee – **Administration recommends maintaining the fee at \$200 per student (\$325 per family)** prior to the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, \$400 per student \$650 per family after the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Charging a transportation fee has allowed the district to provide transportation at the lowest overall cost while managing traffic congestion at the schools. The current fee provides some revenue to subsidize operations. It also represents a good value to those who must rely on school transportation, and it discourages low users from signing up for transportation minimizing empty seats and increasing the efficiency of the operation. The recommended fee is lower than the historical fee of \$215 per student charged until 2012-13.



**Lake Bluff 65 Comparable District Fees**

	Deerfield 109	Lake Forest 67	North Shore 112	Libertyville 70	Lincolnshire 103	Bannockburn 106	Oak Grove 68	Lake Bluff Park Dist.	Lake Bluff <i>Current</i>	Lake Bluff <i>Proposed</i>
<b><u>Required Fees:</u></b>	24-25	24-25	24-25	24-25	25-26	24-25	25-26	25-26	24-25	25-26
Material/Technology										
K	205	165	215	225	3,500	250	200		210	210
1	205	165	215	225	325	250	200		210	210
2	205	165	215	225	325	250	200		210	210
3	205	165	215	225	325	250	200		210	210
4	205	165	215	225	325	250	200		210	210
5	205	165	215	225	325	250	200		210	210
6	205	165	215	225	325	250	200		210	210
7	205	165	215	225	325	250	200		210	210
8	205	165	215	225	325	250	200		210	210
<i>Discount for early pay</i>	180		195	195	300					
<b><u>Optional Fees:</u></b>										
Pre-K (half day)	5,750	4,700	3,650	2,850	4,343	na	na	5,350	4,500	5,000
Band/Chorus Fee	55	-		-	100/50	50	50		50	50
Transportation (Single)	710*	380	545*	950*	-	-	-		200	200
Transportation (Family)	1770*	665			-				325	325
Athletics	85-130	-		-	100	100	-		100	100
Clubs	60	-		-	50-100	third party	-		-	-
							Encore		100	100
							Jazz band		50	50
							Sports fee (Field Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer Wrestling, Track teams)		100	100
							Cheer, Poms		75	75
							6th Grade Intranural Sport Fees		50	50

\* for students residing > 1.5 miles from school

Material and Technology Cost per Student

FDTLOC FUNC OBJ SJ SOURCE	FUNC	OBJ	24-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
10 E 000 1100 3160 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Software Licenses	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 100 1100 3160 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Software Licenses	48,550	33,742	35,467	36,877	36,496
10 E 200 1100 3160 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Software Licenses	28,495	11,089	13,910	16,749	15,660
10 E 000 2570 3234 00 000000	Internal Services	Copier Maint Agreement	1,000	2,297	1,373	1,082	1,118
10 E 100 2570 3234 00 000000	Internal Services	Copier Maint Agreement	10,000	15,449	11,890	14,212	8,315
10 E 200 2570 3234 00 000000	Internal Services	Copier Maint Agreement	6,000	11,420	12,545	11,667	3,576
10 E 000 2660 4100 00 000000	Data Processing Services	Supplies	1,000	628	-	99	47
10 E 100 1100 4100 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	34,000	32,595	27,558	31,269	12,920
10 E 100 1100 4100 01 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 100 1100 4100 02 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 100 1100 4100 03 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 100 1100 4100 04 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 100 1100 4100 05 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 100 1100 4100 10 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 100 1100 4100 12 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 100 1100 4100 50 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 100 1100 4100 62 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 100 1100 4100 63 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 100 1100 4100 64 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 100 1100 4100 81 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 100 1100 4100 99 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	-	49
10 E 200 1100 4100 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	9,700	11,052	11,211	16,215	8,839
10 E 200 1100 4100 06 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 200 1100 4100 07 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	89	-
10 E 200 1100 4100 08 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	26	-
10 E 200 1100 4100 10 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	2,000	3,396	2,788	3,208	544
10 E 200 1100 4100 12 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	1,850	2,123	2,254	2,651	81
10 E 200 1100 4100 13 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	109	2,389	1,006	55
10 E 200 1100 4100 63 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 200 1100 4100 81 000000	Regular Instruction	Supplies	2,000	1,926	1,984	2,023	800
10 E 200 2190 4100 00 000000	Graduation	Supplies	1,000	1,160	(156)	942	1,019
10 E 100 1100 4102 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Misc furnishings	-	-	-	1,418	-
10 E 200 1100 4102 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Misc furnishings	-	-	-	-	-
10 E 100 1100 4105 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Classroom Enhancement	8,000	4,115	3,209	3,616	4,342
10 E 200 1100 4105 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Classroom Enhancement	4,800	2,657	2,705	3,631	1,276
10 E 000 1100 4131 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Tech Supplies	-	-	-	1,598	427
10 E 100 1100 4131 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Tech Supplies	-	2,879	1,177	3,894	9,643
10 E 200 1100 4131 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Tech Supplies	5,000	307	5,960	1,700	5,002
10 E 000 1100 4132 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Bulbs/Ink	-	-	-	21	-
10 E 100 1100 4132 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Bulbs/Ink	-	665	-	-	-
10 E 000 2660 4139 00 000000	Data Processing Services	Tech Repair Parts	1,006	902	874	-	30
10 E 100 1100 4139 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Tech Repair Parts	5,980	-	939.6	761	1,398
10 E 200 1100 4139 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Tech Repair Parts	(166)	-	625	748	-
10 E 000 2570 4500 00 000000	Internal Services	Copier Paper	-	52	-	-	480
10 E 100 2570 4500 00 000000	Internal Services	Copier Paper	6,000	6,438	7,018	5,427	2,520
10 E 200 2570 4500 00 000000	Internal Services	Copier Paper	4,000	5,110	4,692	4,983	1,152
10 E 100 1100 4133 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Computer Equip <\$500	100,000	94,249	43,129	57,187	144,229
10 E 200 1100 4133 00 000000	Regular Instruction	Computer Equip <\$500	50,000	-	32,632	48,217	78,406
10 E 000 2660 4139 00 000000	Data Processing Services	Tech Repair Parts	1,006	902	874	-	30
000			\$ 3,006	\$ 3,879	\$ 2,247	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,102
100			\$ 112,530	\$ 95,883	\$ 87,258	\$ 97,473	\$ 75,685
200			\$ 64,679	\$ 50,349	\$ 60,907	\$ 65,638	\$ 38,004
Total Materials Cost			\$ 168,395	\$ 145,357	\$ 140,837	\$ 157,189	\$ 99,291
Total 1:1 Technology Cost			\$ 162,826	\$ 99,905	\$ 86,210	\$ 114,125	\$ 239,166
Total Material and Technology Cost			\$ 331,221	\$ 245,262	\$ 227,047	\$ 271,314	\$ 338,456
Enrollment			850	851	844	851	842
Total Cost per pupil			\$ 389.67	\$ 288.20	\$ 269.01	\$ 318.82	\$ 401.97
Total Cost per pupil	x 66.7%		\$ 259.78	\$ 192.14	\$ 179.34	\$ 212.55	\$ 267.98
							\$ 222

5 yr avg

\$ 334

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