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To: Board of Education
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RE: Board Report
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Community Engagement

- **Community Connections** – Believe it or not - we have already begun the process for our fall catalog of course offerings. We are excited to continue what we have offered in the past, and potentially add in a few new opportunities for our kids. Stay tuned!
- **Arts Collaborative Advisory Board** - We are continuing to work towards looking at our spaces and creating a list of needs for them, specifically looking at the 300 building on the WSEC campus. We will continue to offer courses that will fall under the Arts Collaborative section of community education in the meantime. We also hope to work on a more concrete timeline over the summer.
- **Social Media Initiatives** - Be on the lookout on our socials this summer to keep up with our awesome summer camps! We will also start highlighting new courses coming this Fall as well as familiar favorites.

Preschool and Aftercare Program Highlights

- **Preschool** We had so much fun last month celebrating our students moving on to young 5's and Kindergarten. It was a beautiful morning celebrating their accomplishments and enjoying community with all of the families. The building has quieted down with the end of our GSRP and Half-Day programs but the energy of our remaining students has not! They are enjoying the sun outside and engaging in many fun activities and projects in their classrooms. The preschoolers will enjoy a long weekend as our staff revamps the classroom spaces for the summer months.
- **Aftercare/Camp Gabika** Aftercare will end this week with the close of the 2025-2026 school year. We are so excited to welcome our Camp Gabika students next week for a summer full of fun activities, field trips, and memories. Our counselors will all be trained before the start of camp to give our students the best, and safest experience.

Community Education

- **Youth Programming** - Summer programming will begin next week. Interest from new vendors have started to roll in for new and exciting Fall enrichment offerings. The planning period for the Fall programs will begin shortly with a launch date in mid August.

- **Youth Sports** - With the Little League season coming to an end, we have been working with the LL Board and Ross Potgiesser in looking at our fields to assess upgrades/maintenance needed and a plan for getting it done. We are hoping to be able to make some of those improvements this summer, then map out a timeline for the rest.

Planning for Fall Rec programming has begun with the hopes of registrations going live in early July. Popular programs such as flag football and soccer school along with many others will return with the start of the new school year.

- **Staffing Update** - We look forward to welcoming Matt Cunningham as he takes on Rec programming and facilities. We have started the transition process to ensure those programs run smoothly.