



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: May 23, 2024

TOPIC: FY25 Early Childhood Alliance Contribution

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Recommended for:

- ☒ Action
- ☒ Discussion
- ☒ Information

Purpose/Background:

The Early Childhood Alliance (ECA) includes over 45 multi-sector partners, including eight Niles Township school districts, early childhood education and care providers, village libraries and governments, social service providers, local businesses, and health care providers.

According to their materials, the ECA creates programs to:

- Provide access to information to support a child's early learning
- Connect families with comprehensive early childhood programming
- Provide access to free/low-cost services for low-income children and families
- Support pregnant women
- Enhance children's physical, mental, and emotional well-being

In October 2023, the Board approved to become a partner organization with the ECA. During the school year, the Administration has begun to work with the ECA to provide support to District families. Therefore, the Administration is now recommending the District make a financial contribution to the ECA. Currently, the range in contribution from partner school districts is between \$1,500-\$11,000.

Fiscal Impact:

\$2,000

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to contribute \$2,000 in FY25 to the Early Childhood Alliance.