

April 24, 2025

To: School Board

From: Business Office

Re: FY24-25 Community Education Financial Analysis

The Community Service Fund is used to track revenue and expenses for community education programs such as Early Childhood Family Education, School Readiness (Preschool), Adult Basic Education, youth and adult enrichment and recreation and Spartan Spot and Kid Care (Child-care programs). The district has received 92.71% of annual adopted revenue budget through 8 months of the fiscal year compared to 82.07% the year prior. The expenses are 99.28% compared to 80.39% the year prior. These percentages have created some concern around the budget and how the program is running. Below is an overview of the Community Service program offerings and a summary financial analysis by program area.

Community Education in Rocori provides lifelong learning opportunities for students, families, and community members of all ages. The program is organized into several key areas, each funded through a combination of local levy, state aid, grants, and participant fees. All Community Education financial activity is recorded in Fund 04, which is entirely separate from the district's General Operating Budget (Fund 01). As outlined in statute, Fund 04 revenues may not be used to support K–12 programs and must be maintained independently from Fund 01.

Community Education programs are designed to maximize community use of school facilities and expand public engagement by drawing on the skills and knowledge of community members. Districts may charge fees for programs, develop youth development plans to coordinate community services for youth, and establish youth service programs that encourage community involvement and citizenship.

A further look into the Program Areas and Funding Sources include:

1. Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

Supports families with children birth to age 5 through parent education and early learning.

Funding: State aid, local levy, participant fees

2. School Readiness

Prepares 3- and 4-year-olds for kindergarten, especially those at greater risk.

Funding: State aid (based on free/reduced-price lunch counts), fees

3. Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Provides GED prep, English language learning, and workforce skill-building for adults.

Funding: State aid (based on contact hours), consortium partnerships

4. Youth Development / Enrichment

Offers after-school programs and enrichment opportunities for school-age youth.

Funding: Participant fees, limited levy support, grants

5. Adult Enrichment

Lifelong learning opportunities in areas such as arts, wellness, technology, and finance.

Funding: Primarily participant fees

6. School-Age Care (e.g., Spartan Spot and Kid Care)

Before- and after-school childcare for elementary students.

Funding: Participant fees, with sliding scale options

7. Facility Use/Rentals

Provides public access to school facilities for meetings, events, and recreation.

Funding: Rental fees

A further look into the details of these revised budget financial variances.

Description	Revised Budget Revenue	Revised Budget Expense	Variance
General ComEd	\$136,813	\$290,385	(\$153,572)
Baseball	7,200	7,200	-
Youth Rec	116,000	116,000	-
Adult Enrichment	12,950	10,500	2,450
Adult Rec	18,000	7,500	10,500
Spartan Spot	658,000	658,000	-
Youth Enrichment	40,000	31,435	8,565
Aquatics	2,025	11,745	(9,720)
Kid Care	305,000	216,000	89,000
Total Gen Com Ed	\$1,295,988	\$1,348,765	(\$52,777)

Description	Revised Budget Revenue	Revised Budget Expense	Variance
Adult Basic Ed	21,078	21,078	-
Early Childhood Family Education	149,452	159,575	(10,123)
Home Visiting	3,855	3,855	-
School Readiness	312,130	484,532	(172,402)
Nonpublic	62,845	62,845	-
Preschool Screening	12,000	12,000	-

A further look into the participation numbers for Kid Care and Spartan Spot include:

<u>School Year Childcare</u>				
Kid Care			Spartan Spot	
2019-2020	44		2019-2020	195
2020-2021	46		2020-2021	198
2021-2022	52		2021-2022	183
2022-2023	58		2022-2023	180
2023-2024	51		2023-2024	186
2024-2025	55		2024-2025	249
2025-2026*	41		2025-2026*	192

- Note * These are preliminary numbers and will grow

<u>Summer Childcare</u>				
Kid Care			Spartan Spot	
2019-2020	15		2019-2020	194
2020-2021	22		2020-2021	133
2021-2022	27		2021-2022	218
2022-2023	27		2022-2023	221
2023-2024	29		2023-2024	210
2024-2025	23		2024-2025	303
2025-2026*	28		2025-2026*	345

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The district will continue to analyze this data and use it to inform the development of the 2025-26 budget.