



Board Meeting Date: August 14, 2023

Title: Discontinuance of the Learning Exchange Agreement

Type: Action

Presenter(s): Dr. Anne Marie Leland, Community Education and Strategic Partnerships Director

Description: The Learning Exchange Consortium has been cooperatively providing community education programs and services for adults with unique abilities. This Consortium includes the following independent school districts: Bloomington; Eden Prairie; Edina; and Richfield. Currently, Learning Exchange provides programming for our Edina population with services only available in Bloomington and Richfield.

New legislation now allows Community Education to provide programming in their own communities and recoup a higher amount (\$0.34/capita) of funding for adults with unique abilities beginning in fiscal year 2024-2025. This new legislation replaces the current limited (to consortia) grant program with a funding formula of \$0.34 per capita (population of the school district) for each school district that operates an adult with unique abilities program.

Our current Adults with Disabilities (official terminology of state revenue stream) revenue is approximately \$5,000 captured through permissive levy and passed through to Bloomington. With the current legislation, our new revenue would be approximately \$15,000 in state aid and no longer require a permissive levy. To capture the higher amount of revenue and provide programming that is more accessible to Edina residents, we must discontinue our Learning Exchange Agreement with Bloomington Public Schools for fiscal year 2024-2025.

According to our current Learning Exchange Agreement, Edina Public Schools needs to notify Bloomington Public Schools 11 months before the start of the 2024-2025 state fiscal year starting on July 1, 2024. This notification must occur by August 31, 2023.

Communications with Bloomington Public Schools Community Education on this issue has occurred resulting in an understanding of the new financial and programmatic opportunities for both districts. Edina Public Schools Community Education looks forward to working with the City of Edina Parks and Recreation Department to serve our Adults with Unique Abilities.

Recommendation: Please consider approval of the discontinuance of Learning Exchange Agreement.

Desired Outcomes from the Board: Please review the information and come prepared with your questions.

Attachments: FY23 Learning Exchange Joint Powers Agreement