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To: Board of Education
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From: Mr. John T. Reiniche, CSBO

Re: Activity and Uncollected Fees

Date: February 19, 2020

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Introduction

The District is challenged with a projected \$600,000 structural deficit in the Education Fund. In an attempt to look at all avenues to address the deficit the Leadership Team met on January 7, 2020 to find solutions that would least impact learning in the classroom. Two recommendations came from the team: The first was to review fee structure for Athletics and Clubs. The second was to evaluate uncollected registration fees. Below is a review of both recommendations.

Situation

Review the fee structure for Athletics and Clubs. Based on a survey conducted last year by Bloomington School District 13 the team found that 4 out of 5 feeder districts charge fees for either Athletic or Club Activities. Bloomington SD 13 is the only district that does not charge said fees. If the District charged a fee for after school activities, it is projected to produce \$15,000 to \$20,000 additional revenue. Attached is a graph with a sample of the survey for your reference.

Evaluate the uncollected/outstanding registration fees. A review indicated that the District has approximately \$17,500 of outstanding debt of registration fees from last year.

DuJardin: \$6,762
Erickson: \$4,339
Westfield: \$6,484

Currently, the District's online payment software (PushCoin) sends electronic monthly invoices for outstanding fees. In addition to the invoices, a letter has been sent to each family offering opportunities to make payment, including a payment plan option. All efforts have gone ignored. Most school districts use outside agencies to assist with the collection of outstanding fees, which could be a consideration for Bloomington SD 13 along with not allowing students to participate in extra activities if they have an outstanding fee. Historically, the District has used this option, but lately has moved away from this practice.

Recommendation

There is not recommendation from the administration, this is only a discussion item.

Student Fees

Basketball & Clubs/After School Activities

Source: DuPage Elementary Student Fees Survey 2018-19

