

Good morning Stapleton parents,

Unfortunately I am contacting you with disappointing news this morning. As you are probably aware, our school has been blessed for the last nine years to have been a recipient of a 21st Century Learning Center Grant to help fund our afterschool care program. This grant has allowed us to offer afterschool care at a discounted price and has provided funds for a series of extraordinary enrichment activities.

As we previously notified parents, our current grant is set to expire on 9/30. We have been anxiously awaiting news about the grant renewal we submitted earlier this summer; regrettably the news we received was not what we had hoped. While we will still have an afterschool care program, it will be under the standard district rules without the benefits we were previously able to offer.

I know that you will need clear information to make an informed decision. Here are details of the program going forward:

- Program days and hours will be unchanged. Afterschool care is available on days school is in session and runs until 5:30pm.
- Program costs will be in line with the standard fee structure which is:
 - one child: \$35 per week
 - two or more children: \$30 per week per child (thus \$60 for two children, \$90 for three children, etc.)
- Homework help will continue to be available but the enrichment activities will not continue.

Should you wish for your child or children to continue to participate in the afterschool program, there is no need to reapply. The new fees will be applicable beginning the week of October 7th, thus will be withdrawn from the account you have on file effective October 6th.

Should you wish for your child or children to be withdrawn from the afterschool care program, you must communicate that in writing by no later than Monday of next week (9/30/19). You may do that in one of two ways: 1) email this intent (be sure to include the school name as well as the name of your children) to tbaxter@bcbe.org, or 2) complete a form which will be available in the cafeteria when you check out your child beginning this afternoon.

Please note that you must state your intention to withdraw your child by Monday of next week (9/30/19). Your child may, however, remain in afterschool care through Friday of next week (10/4/19) at the current rate.

I very much regret that I am contacting you with this upsetting news. I also regret the short notice and wish we had been notified earlier. I am grateful, however, for the extraordinary benefits we have realized as a 21st Century grant site over the last nine years. I am especially grateful to Valerie Jones, Bonnie Powell, and Lori Matus for the hard work, passion, and vision

they have brought to our afterschool program. If you choose for your child to remain in afterschool care, rest assured they remain in excellent hands.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jim Perry