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### **Student Fee Overview**

TO: School Board  
FROM: Dr. Susan Pingitore, Chief Financial Officer/CSBO  
  
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RE: Student Fee Overview

#### **Overview**

School fees are an important source of revenue for all public school districts including The Winnetka Public Schools.

As part of the annual fee decision, the School Board is provided with an overview of the fees, a survey of the fees charged by surrounding Districts, and then votes on the fees based on all of the data. This memo begins this discussion for the 2015-2016 school year.

The following is an overview of the fees assessed for the 2014-2015 school year, the rationale behind those decisions, and a preliminary recommendation for the 2015-2016 school year for some of the fees. The following is a summary of present student fees:

#### **2014-2015 Student Fees**

##### **Activity Fees**

Kindergarten	\$74
Grades 1-3	\$144
Grade 4	\$212
Grades 5-6	\$143
Grades 7-8	\$165

##### **Optional Bus Fee**

Two-Way	\$433, if paid by 6/20/14
Two-Way	\$483, if paid after 6/20/14
One-Way	\$258, if paid by 6/20/14
One-Way	\$308, if paid after 6/20/14

#### **After-School Sports/Clubs**

Elementary Schools	\$44 per semester or \$87 annually
Skokie School	\$77
Skokie Climbing Club	\$55

#### Carleton Washburne School Athletics

Volleyball	\$388
Basketball	\$497
Basketball Practice Squad	\$186
Cross Country	\$186
Track and Field	\$186
Intramural Basketball	\$125

#### On Deck!

	Before School	After School
5 days per week	\$195	\$368
4 days per week	\$184	\$311
3 days per week	\$168	\$256
2 days per week	\$145	\$190
Voucher	\$103	\$134

#### Elementary Schools Lunch Supervision

	Supervision
5 days	\$242
4 days	\$200
3 days	\$160
2 days	\$117
1 day	\$76
Daily fee	

### Description of Student Fees

**Activity Fee** – Activity fees are used at the discretion of the principals to benefit students in a variety of ways. For example, funds are used to support field trip entrance fee and transportation costs, student planners, magazine subscriptions for Scholastic and Time, leadership training at Camp Duncan, outdoor education experiences, class parties, student locks, and some instructional supplies.

**After School Sports** – These fees were established by the District to support activities at the three elementary schools and Skokie School. These activities are staffed by teachers who are paid an hourly rate based on the negotiated agreement with the Winnetka Education Association.

**Before/After School Program (On Deck!)** – This is a tuition-based optional program. Tuition is based on the program selected plus a \$60.00 annual non-refundable registration fee. There is a multiple child tuition discount of 10 percent for two children and a 25 percent discount for three or more children.

Rates are based on the number of days in the program. Vouchers provide families in need of occasional care an opportunity to avail themselves of the program for five visits.

**Bus Fee (optional)** – The District has a flat fee for each rider. In 2013, the District introduced a one-way AM only or one-way PM only fee. The recommendation will be to encourage registration in late June with a \$50 late charge for returning families who do not register by the deadline. This assists the District in receiving registrations early so bus routes can be established.

The District received bus registration online last year as a convenience for parents. The District's cost for bus service will increase 3.25% next year.

**Athletics at Carleton Washburne** – Fees are assessed fund the school's optional athletic programs. The fees cover the cost of coaches, transportation to games, scorekeepers, and supervision. The program benefits from a Saturday intramural program that helps to underwrite the cost of the regular athletic program.

**Lunch Supervision Fee** – Fees are collected to pay for lunch supervision. The lunch supervision fees have not been changed since the 2013-2014 school year. Students also have the option of purchasing milk or juice as part of the supervision program.

**Food Service Fees** – The District negotiates prices for milk, juice, and the daily plate lunch each year with Arbor Food Service. These fees are typically set in April.

### **Preliminary Recommendation**

At this time, the preliminary recommendation will be to increase Activity, Clubs and After-School Sports, and On Deck! by 3% (historical CPI of 2% plus 1% in new property). A 3.25% increase is recommended for optional transportation. This mirrors the cost increase for next year. The elementary lunch supervision fee is not recommended to increase.

It should be noted that there has been a 5% increase in the cost of our District's online registration system in addition to the 3.49% on each transaction that the vendor keeps to process credit card payments. At this time, I am waiting to see if there will be an increase in camp fees for next school year to determine if the Grade 4 fee will need an additional adjustment.

### **Next Steps**

The Board will be asked to approve fees for the 2015-2016 school year at the March meeting.

[Click here](#) for the New Trier Township Elementary School Fee Survey