



A Community of Learners

Information and Action Item: Adventures Overview and Fee Approval

TO: School Board
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FROM: Dr. Susan Pingitore, Chief Financial Officer/CSBO

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Overview & Background

The District has hosted a highly successful summer program, Adventures in Learning, for several years under the direction of Terri Atkinson. Last summer, Terri decided to step back from the program and mentor a new director, Meghan Warner, a teacher at The Skokie School. Meghan served as Site Director last year as part of a School Board approved succession plan.

The Adventures program served 638 students last summer with 80 students enrolled in the primary program and 518 students in the general program (grades 2-8) with the remaining students enrolled as part of an Extended School Year (ESY) experience for special education students. ESY was added to the Adventures program two years ago.

Last summer for the first time, families could register for Adventures online, which provided convenience for parents and efficiency for scheduling classes.

Although the program is intended to be revenue neutral, last summer there was a “profit” of \$10,447. This year the recommendation is to maintain the same fees as last year, which were \$555 for residents and \$605 for non-residents.

Planning for the 2015 program has already begun with the plan to open registration in March.

Recommendation

The Administration recommends the continuation of the program with no change in fees. Scholarships are available to families with financial need.