

Glassboro Public Schools



MEMO

To: Dr. Mark Silverstein, Superintendent of Schools

From: Danielle M. Sochor, Chief Academic Officer

Date: December 5, 2017

Re: Action Memo
December 13, 2017 Board Meeting

Recommend the board accept the following letter from Joan Dillon, Executive Director of the Glassboro Child Development Centers.

Hello Mr. Edwards, Mr. Henry and Ms. McDonald,

I have been out sick and I am still at home, I plan to be in tomorrow but wanted to reach out to you to let you know I have had to make a financial decision regarding the PreK wrap program.

Since the start of the program, we have advertised in many ways we know how, and we have only had one additional student start with us since the start date. Our agency is actually not breaking even financially, as a matter of fact, we are incurring additional fees for staffing and the lunches that we were hoping would be absorbed by additional enrollments. As a result, I am very sorry to have to do this, but I would like to end the program and return our PreK children back to our preschool beginning Monday after Thanksgiving November 27.

I know you are concerned about the children who arrive back to Rodgers at 2:00 from not being picked up on their bus stop and I don't see any issues with us continuing to help with that. I am happy to continue to provide that service to you as we planned.

We would like to continue to provide the morning program for the students who are in kindergarten, or who are AM PreK, if that could continue. If it cannot, we can shut the morning program down and send the children back to Bullock or to our preschool for morning drop off with no problem. The RASKEL after school program of course, would remain as it has always been. It is simply the PREK part that is not sustaining itself.

I have been weighing this very heavily for the past week and did not want this to be the case but we are not able to sustain the program with so few children. I hope you understand our situation and would be happy to meet with you if necessary. Please let me know you received this email so that I may contact transportation, and our parents. I will reach out to my staff right after this,

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but respectfully wanted to send this to you first. I will need to know if the Before School program can continue, or not so we may let parents know.

Thanks for your confidence in our program and for your understanding.

Joan Dillon
Executive Director
Glassboro Child Development Centers

At this time, we are accepting this request.

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